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Russians won't go back to Egypt

By H.C. TVALER
LONDON (UPI). — The Soviet Union has decided it will not return to Egypt in any active military capacity for fear of direct involvement with unpredictable consequences, East European diplomats said yesterday.

Even if asked by Cairo to return, Russia was not likely to respond in the light of disappointments in the past and dangers in the future, except on terms which Egypt would accept, the sources said.

The diplomats also said the Russians fear if they return in strength they might find themselves involved in some military offensive against Israel, which, they hold, Egypt is unlikely to win in the present state of its relative military incapacity.

Moscow fears if the Russians are to stand aside from any such conflict they would be blamed by the Arabs for letting them down. On the other hand if any such military action were to prove successful, the Russians would probably find themselves once more asked to go home.

But the overriding Soviet consideration was said to centre on the Kremlin's overall strategy of cooperation with the U.S. and avoidance of direct involvement in dubious military ventures anywhere.

The sources stressed that Moscow still will keep up a degree of cooperation with Cairo, for political and economic reasons. This will include the supply of some — but not all, or abundant — spare parts for weapons delivered in the past. This could be tied up with so-called "facilities" which Russia requires and will seek to maintain.

UNUSABLE MATERIAL

Latest reports that some 40 per cent of the war material in Egypt is not usable presently and that some 100 planes have been lost since the Six Day War because of crashes in training or in combat is a reluctance to supply new quantities of weapons.

No offensive sophisticated arms are to be supplied, for political considerations and because of lack of adequate expertise to handle them, the sources reported.

Furthermore, Moscow is apparently marking time to see what happens to Sadat, whose position is considered uncertain. Whether Moscow would be more amenable toward a regime that is pro-Soviet is not clear.

The Russians have a multi-billion dollar investment in Egypt in terms of assistance with the Aswan Dam, economic and industrial commitments and the vast variety of arms supplied in the past.

They would want some of these to be repaid, but at the same time intend to continue a degree of outright aid to Egypt which has been notably cut since the Cairo-Moscow honeymoon came to an end, according to the sources.

Lebanon, Mart sign trade pact

RUSSELL (Reuters). — The common market and Lebanon last night signed a three-year preferential trade agreement which will take effect from next January 1.

The Lebanese ambassador to the EC, Kerouan Labaki, who signed for his country, said the accord would speed up the industrial and agricultural development of Lebanon through increased trade with EEC.

Peres: Meir may visit Nixon at start of 1973

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. — Prime Minister Golda Meir is likely to come to Washington for a meeting with President Nixon during the first quarter of 1973, the Minister of Transport and Communications, Shimon Peres, told Israeli news correspondents here yesterday.

Mr. Peres, who is in the U.S. on behalf of the U.J.A., talked to the correspondents after attending a luncheon given by Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin. Among the guests were Assistant U.S. Secretary of State Joseph Sisco, Harold Saunders, in charge of Middle East affairs in the National Security Council, Herbert Stein, head of President Nixon's Council of Economic Advisors, and Leonard Garment, one of Mr. Nixon's advisers on Jewish affairs.

Mr. Peres said that in his opinion it was desirable for Mrs. Meir's visit to take place after King Hussein's stated visit next year, following the presidential inauguration. He said he did not fear the

U.S. would start applying "pressure" on Israel regarding concessions towards a Middle East settlement, but the two countries should work hard at maintaining "the special relationship" that exists between them.

Expressing satisfaction at the efforts made by the U.S. in combating terrorism and plane hijacking, Mr. Peres said there was close cooperation in this matter between that country and Israel. He said he hoped the day would come when international sanctions would be taken against countries which harbour terrorists.

Speaking in an N.B.C. television interview yesterday, Mr. Peres said the fact that native-born Israelis are suspected of planning sabotage against their own country was "a new and shocking development." But, he added, this was an isolated incident. "Every country has its extremist circles, whose extremist borders on lunacy," he said.



Danish Foreign Minister Knud Andersen with Foreign Minister Abba Eban before they began their working session at the Foreign Ministry yesterday. (Story, page 2.)

Iran to buy 500 copters

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — Iran will buy some 500 helicopters worth about \$700m. from the U.S. under an agreement reached between the two countries, informed military sources said yesterday.

They said the U.S. army would buy the helicopters from the Bell helicopter division of Textron Incorporated and then resell them to Iran.

Under the agreement, Iran, which is rapidly modernizing its armed forces, will receive 202 Cobra helicopter gunships and 287 of an advanced model of the Huey transport helicopter.

Delivery will begin in 1974, and completion of the programme was expected to take from three to five years, the sources said.

Early this year Iran agreed in principle to buy the helicopters along with many other items of military hardware. But final agreement on the specific number of aircraft and the dollar amount has only recently been reached.

Delivery of the helicopters will be preceded by a massive U.S. training programme, the sources said. Iranian pilots and mechanics will be trained in the U.S. and a large U.S. technical mission will be dispatched to Iran to familiarize the country's armed forces with the complexities of maintaining and flying the machines.

The sources refused to say what armaments will be placed in the Cobra gunship, but acknowledged that models of the machine used in Vietnam have been equipped with anti-tank missiles and rockets as well as 20 and 30mm. machine-guns.

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57 Jews held in Moscow

MOSCOW (UPI). — Soviet police arrested 57 Jews in morning raids on homes and at parliamentary headquarters yesterday, only hours before the opening of the Supreme Soviet, Jewish sources said.

In a related Jewish development, Soviet authorities granted exit visas to five Jews, including activist journalist Viktor Fergelman, exempting them from paying the tax for would-be emigrants with higher education, the sources added.

They said plainclothes and uniformed police arrested eight Jews at home yesterday morning in what was an apparent attempt to insure an incident-free opening of the Supreme Soviet last night. They tried to arrest eight others, but two simply refused to open their doors, two had left for work and four said they were ill.

The others — including at least 21 Moscow Jews, 11 from Leningrad, two from Khar'kov, two from Kiev, and one from Frunze — were picked up when they went to the Supreme Soviet building to present an appeal on behalf of Jewish detainees. The sources said they presented the appeal, details of which were not immediately known, and then were told to leave the premises.

At 8 p.m. while they were outside but still in the area, Soviet officials herded them into a bus and drove off. There was no indication where they were taken or how long they would be held, the sources said.

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Agriculture stressed in Soviet budget

MOSCOW (UPI). — The Soviet Union yesterday announced a 1973 budget of \$219,600m. that stresses meat and potatoes over missiles.

The budget was announced to the 1,517 members of the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R., the nation's parliament, by Finance Minister Yevgeny Garbuzov.

Automatic approval was assured by the legislative body that has not cast a single vote against a government-sponsored programme in more than 40 years.

Speaking in the Kremlin Palace to an audience that included Soviet party chief Leonid Brezhnev, Premier Alexei Kosygin, and Premier Nikolai Podgorny, Garbuzov announced the biggest increases in 1973 expenditures in the agricultural field.

In an obvious move to counter the effect of the 1972 harvest, officially acknowledged to have been one of the worst in the past 100

years, Garbuzov said farm spending would increase 9.9 per cent, from \$39,400m. in 1972 to \$43,700m. next year.

Defence spending remained the same — \$21,450m. — as the 1971 and 1972 budgets.

A 7.2 per cent increase was announced for science expenditures. Expenditures in the social and cultural field, including education, increased from \$75,500m. to \$81,000m.

The budget and the annual economic plan that accompanies it included a demand for better productivity in 1973.

"The successes in the development of our economy could have been even bigger had we succeeded (during 1972) in fully overcoming serious shortcomings in some elements of the national economy," state planning chief Nikolai Balbakov told the Supreme Soviet.

First U.S. firm signs up for Suez pipeline

CAIRO (AP). — An American oil company yesterday became the first to sign an agreement with Egypt for using the projected \$600m. Suez-Mediterranean pipeline, Ministry of Petroleum officials announced.

Under the agreement, Continental Oil Co. will transport 25 million tons of crude annually for 10 years, a ministry statement said.

America's Mobil Oil and two French companies have initiated agreements for using the line and will sign them later after other companies have made commitments.

On November 20 Mobil committed itself to using the pipeline for 10 years to move 7.5 million tons a year. On November 15 Elf-Ebray marked for three million tons for 10 years, and on October 12, Compagnie Francaise des Petroles said it would ship 7.5 million tons for the same period.

Transit charges were set at \$1.40 a ton, according to official records. According to ministry officials, representatives of the American Exxon Co. and British Petroleum are expected in the Egyptian capital soon to initial similar agreements.

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'SAVAGE' RAIDS, HANOI SAYS

NIXON ORDERS ALL-OUT BOMBING

No respite till settlement

WASHINGTON. — President Nixon yesterday tightened the military screws on North Vietnam by resuming the full-scale bombing and mining of the country and warned there would be no respite until the Communists agreed to a settlement of the Indo-China war. Hanoi Radio reported a "devastating" attack on the Hanoi-Haiphong area last night.

The American strikes were the first on Hanoi since October 11 and the first above the 20th parallel since October 23 when Mr. Nixon suspended them as a goodwill gesture when a cease-fire agreement seemed imminent. The 20th parallel is 97 kms. below Hanoi.

Plans limiting the bombing to below the 20th parallel in the past two months was aimed at thwarting another North Vietnamese build-up and possible offensive in South Vietnam.

Hanoi and the main North Vietnamese port of Haiphong are now in the target area again, he said. Mr. Ziegler refused to link the move with the declassified peace negotiations, but he said the escalated bombing and mining of North Vietnamese ports would continue until a settlement was reached.

The coastal blockade had apparently been resumed in full force, sources in Washington said.

Diplomatic observers said President Nixon seemed determined to break Hanoi's resistance to what he considered to be a fair and just settlement of the war.

GOODWILL SPIRIT
Mr. Ziegler said the U.S. was ready to resume negotiations in a serious and constructive manner to achieve a rapid settlement in Vietnam. The war could end "if the North Vietnamese decide to proceed in a constructive way in a spirit of goodwill," he said.

However, he said he was not going to allow the peace talks to be a cover for a build-up for another offensive. The road to a negotiated peace is wide open and we want a rapid settlement of the conflict... It is the President's view that neither side can gain from prolonging the war and neither side can gain from prolonging the talks," he said.

First reports that the bombing halt was ended came from Hanoi, which said that in addition to bombing raids on Sunday American planes had sown more mines around Haiphong harbour.

The U.S. Command in Saigon at first denied the Hanoi bombing claims, but later, in another official announcement, said that strikes were in progress throughout North Vietnam and that Hanoi and Haiphong were among the targets.

LAIRD CONFIRMS
Soon after came U.S. Defence Secretary Melvin Laird's confirmatory announcement in Washington, further shattering Vietnam peace hopes.

The Defence Secretary refused to go into any details of air operations because, he said, he wanted to avoid endangering the lives of American aircrews.

The U.S. never did remove minefields from the approaches to seven North Vietnamese harbours, including Haiphong.

These mines were laid first in early May when Mr. Nixon ordered a resumption of intensive bombing throughout North Vietnam in response to North Vietnam's invasion with tanks across the Demilitarized Zone into South Vietnam.

These minefields have been reseeded from time to time with additional mines dropped from airplanes. These minefields, according to all reports, have kept all deep-water vessels out of the North Vietnamese ports since May. Communist

U.N. observers could not confirm the complaint since the alleged incident occurred outside their range of observation.

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Hanoi halts talks with the U.S.

PARIS (UPI). — Hanoi yesterday suspended indefinitely the technical negotiations with the U.S. in retaliation for resumed U.S. air strikes against North Vietnam, North Vietnamese diplomats said yesterday.

They said North Vietnam and the Vietcong may boycott Thursday's regular weekly Vietnam conference session to show their anger over President Nixon's order to resume air attacks.

Earlier, U.S. and North Vietnamese negotiators, meeting at what is described as experts' level, talked for three hours in a follow-up meeting to the series held by Henry Kissinger and Le Duc Tho.

supply ships have gone instead to China to unload their cargoes, which were than transhipped by land to North Vietnam.

Mr. Laird responded to questions about the new Vietnamese developments while posing for pictures with his successor, Elliot Richardson, at the Pentagon.

North Vietnam had announced after the new mines were dropped that despite what it termed war acts to compel it to accept a peace agreement, the Communist side, including the Vietcong, would declare unilateral cease-fires of short duration for the Christmas and New Year holidays. Saigon sources said South Vietnam would do likewise and would make an official announcement on Thursday. There was no comment from the U.S. side.

Such cease-fires are traditional and meaningless since, without effective international supervision, they always have been marred by scores of violations.

(Reuters UPI, AP)

Terrorists deny they're re-grouping

BEIRUT (UPI). — The Palestinian terrorist movement yesterday denied Israeli news reports of re-groupings in the Jerash and Ajloun areas of Jordan.

The reports had said the terrorists were re-establishing positions in the areas near the Israeli border with the apparent knowledge of the Jordanian authorities.

"The reports, which were broadcast by the enemy radio station, are wrong and without foundation," the Palestine news agency (Wafa) said, quoting a "military source in the resistance movement."

"The guerrilla attitude towards the Jordanian regime has not changed and our aim is still the establishment of a national democratic government.

"No guerrillas have publicly entered Jordan since the July 1971 massacre of our forces in the Jerash and Ajloun area," Wafa said.

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Jerusalem	15-20	7-13
Haifa	15-20	8-14
Ramat Gan	15-20	8-14
Be'er Sheva	15-20	8-14
Netanya	15-20	8-14
Yotvata	15-20	8-14
Dimona	15-20	8-14
Be'er Ya'akov	15-20	8-14
Be'er Eliezer	15-20	8-14
Be'er Teva	15-20	8-14
Be'er Yehonatan	15-20	8-14
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Social and Personal

The Governor of Pennsylvania and Mrs. Milton Shapp visited the Technion yesterday and were received by Technion president Alexander Goldberg.

A farewell reception in honour of J.P. B. Ross, Resident Representative of the U.N. Development Programme in Israel, and Mrs. Ross was held last night at the home of Mr. Ya'acov Sapir, Director of the Technical Assistance Division in the Prime Minister's Office. The guests included Justice Cohen, Shaul Rosolino, Inspector-General of the Police, Mr. Arthur Loussier, Political Adviser to the Foreign Minister, and Lord Samuel. Mr. Sapir presented Mrs. Ross as the successor of Mr. Fim Munch-Petersen. A reception for Mr. and Mrs. Ross was also held by the I.N.A. Association of Israel at Beit Shalom, Jerusalem.

The Netanya Rotary Club celebrated its 20th anniversary on December 18, 1972, with a festive ladies' luncheon at the Grand Yehalom Hotel. Its founding president, Mr. E. Aronov, traced the growth of the club from 23 to 52 members. This year, under the presidency of Dr. Max Sachs, the club's activities centred around helping deprived school children, assisting the local branch of Aidm, organizing a courtesy-to-tourists competition in the town's hotels, participating in the town's cleanliness campaign, granting scholarships to needy students and assisting immigrant integration. (Continued)

ARRIVALS

Jewish Agency absorption director Uzi Narkis, from New York, after a visit to the U.S. on Agency business by El

International Real Estate Federation president Willi Egeli, from Zurich, to be part in the national convention of Israel's Real Estate Association, being today in Jerusalem.

DEPARTURES

Dr. Wilner, M.E., and Selim el-Domom of Rakah, to Moscow, for the 25th anniversary celebrations, on the occasion of the U.S.S.R. at the invitation of the Soviet Communist Party.

Mrs. Raya Jaglom, president of World Women for Geneva.

MEAN. — A South Korean mission arrived in Beirut yesterday for a four-day visit. The mission is to present an ambulance and about 2,000 to the South Lebanon Council of the Ministry of Planning.

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WEIZMAN AT HERUT PARLEY: 'Gahal must offer clear alternative' Party rift said headed

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Herut Executive chairman Ezer Weizman last night proposed that Gahal go to the electorate with a clearly defined programme and a "shadow cabinet."

In order to maintain its present strength in the Knesset, Gahal must gain at least 50,000 votes, in addition to the 300,000 who voted for it in 1969, Mr. Weizman would set the target at half a million votes.

Speaking to the evening session of Herut's 11th national convention, Mr. Weizman said that the governing party has never before been so divided on major issues and the political ground has never been so ready for Gahal to move from opposition to government. Arguing that one of the main complaints of the public was the lack of clarity in Gahal's programme and who would implement it, Mr. Weizman urged that immediately after the convention, the Gahal Executive appoint working groups that would draw up the Gahal electoral platform on such key areas as taxation, housing and education.

Mr. Weizman mentioned Herut Party chairman Menahem Begin as the "Prime Minister" of the "shadow cabinet."

The only other post he mentioned was the justice portfolio — to Benjamin Halevi, who he described as "the judge of Eichmann."

Mr. Weizman decried the way the Labour Party acts "as if Golda was indispensable." He accused the Labour Party leaders of "begging Golda to stay on, not because of her strength, but because of their weakness."

He criticized the economic system prevailing in Israel, "which all hinges on Pinhas Sapir." As an example he quoted a conversation with a Kupat Holim doctor who reportedly told him that "Asher Ya'alin's main advantage as chairman of Kupat Holim is his direct approach to Mr. Sapir." Mr. Weizman added: "And it really works."

Rumours of a deepening rift between Party Executive chairman Ezer Weizman and the Party veterans were denied yesterday by well-informed party sources. They told this reporter that a compromise formula was being evolved in an attempt to satisfy the veterans' insistence on the status quo and the demand of the younger men (supporting Mr. Weizman) for a shake-up of the old Party structure.

The main target is the eventual composition of the Party's new Central Committee, which will be elected Wednesday night, just before the convention closes.

The compromise was said to be:

Barbour gets H.U. award

By ERNIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

In a ceremony marked by brevity and good humour, the outgoing U.S. Ambassador, Walworth Barbour, yesterday awarded an honorary doctorate at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Foreign Minister Abba Eban said that during Mr. Barbour's long tour of duty, the U.S. had never attempted to impose the great power stamp on its relations with Israel. Mr. Barbour's ambassadorial virtues of reticence and self-effacement — "in addition to his genius for reconciliation" — played a great part in making U.S.-Israel relations an important factor in international politics, Mr. Eban said.

Hebrew University president Avraham Harman stressed the vital role Mr. Barbour played in fostering cultural exchanges between the two countries. He said the Hebrew University is now hosting 96 visiting professors and 13 post-doctoral students from the U.S. In return, 51 Hebrew University professors are spending sabbatical years at American universities, and 80 students are working on doctorates there.

Rising for a three-minute acceptance speech, Mr. Barbour remained true to his reputation for frugality with words.

He recalled the answer he gave a reporter who recently asked him for a personal interview. "I haven't given such an interview in my 11 years in the country. With that I have not done so badly; why should I change now?"

The audience in Canada Hall on the University's Givat Ram campus included Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yezhovahu, Health Minister Victor Shemtov, Knesset members, members of the diplomatic corps and of the academic community.

Israel may set up New Zealand embassy

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel is considering establishing an embassy in New Zealand, officials in Jerusalem said yesterday. Until now Israel's embassy in New Zealand has been responsible for New Zealand's too.

New Zealand is not represented in Israel.

Knesset storm over election amendment

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

A Knesset storm is brewing over an amendment to the Knesset Elections Law which would change the system for distributing surplus votes during a general election. The Knesset Law Committee approved the draft amendment yesterday by 11 votes to four.

The amendment, backed solely by the Alignment and Gahal, will have its first reading soon.

The Alignment and Gahal claim the amendment is fairer than the present system.

All the other Knesset factions, without exception, claim that the two big parties want to deprive the smaller parties of their right to win seats with their surplus votes in the elections.

3 civil marriage bills face Knesset

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Three private members' bills on civil marriage will come up in the Knesset in the next two months, the Presidium decided yesterday at its weekly meeting.

The three bills, by Zalman Shoval (State List), Uri Avneri (Ha'olam Hazeh) and Shmuel Mikunis (Communists), would all provide some form of civil marriage for Jews who are forbidden to wed in Israel because of various halachic disqualifications.

The State List bill is modelled on an earlier bill by Dr. Meir Avizohar, a former faction member who turned independent.

The Avizohar bill was defeated.

Quarter-final line-up for Basketball Cup

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Tel Aviv Maccabi, Israel's basketball champions, were yesterday drawn to play against Red Star Belgrade, Zimmental of Milan and Real Madrid in the quarter-finals of the European Cup for Champions.

Two teams out of the four will go into the semi-finals.

Tel Aviv Maccabi plays its first game against Red Star in Belgrade on January 11, with the return in Tel Aviv on January 18. It will play each of the other clubs twice — at home and away.

In the second quarter-final group the four clubs are Ignis Varese of Italy, the European Cup holders; C.S.K. Moscow; Slavia Prague; and Dynamo Bucharest.

Coastal station here picks up S.O.S.

An Israeli coastal station in Haifa helped save the crew of a sinking Greek vessel in the southern part of the Red Sea over the weekend, when it picked up the ship's radioed distress signal.

The Communications Ministry spokesman said yesterday that the ship, Marathon, flying under the Cypriot flag, had foundered on a reef about 150 miles from Massaua, Ethiopia. The Israeli station — the only one to pick up the distress signal — broadcast the ship's location to all vessels in the vicinity.

Two hours later a Dutch ship responded to the signal and started rescue operations.

IL33,000 damages paid for fall

HAIFA. — A woman who suffered a fractured thigh when she fell into an open pit in Hadera eight years ago will receive IL33,000 from the Hadera Municipality. The woman, Miriam Naor, had sued the Municipality for IL63,000, claiming she remained 40 per cent disabled after the accident.

She claimed in court that the Municipality was to blame for not illuminating the street properly and for failing to post warning signs. The settlement, which was reached out of court, was made binding yesterday by the Haifa District Court.

In another case, District Court Judge Eliezer Neuman yesterday rejected the appeal of the Migdal Binyan insurance company against having to pay IL9,689 damages to the operator of a caterpillar tractor who was injured in a work accident. The company claimed the driver was not entitled to insurance since he did not have a licence at the time of the accident.

Judge Neuman held, however, that the law did not require the driver of a tractor with treads to hold a licence, as long as he drove the vehicle on unpaved side roads — as was the case with the claimant.

TODAY'S POSTBAG

22 GEORGIAN IMMIGRANTS yesterday completed a prison warder's course in Ashkelon. The immigrants combined their training programme with a Hebrew ulpan course, sponsored by the Ministry of Education.

CHRISTMAS TREES will be available free of charge to Jerusalem's 15,000 Christians. The Municipality will distribute the fir trees on Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon at Jaffa Gate.

AN INTERNATIONAL COURSE in agricultural meteorology opened yesterday at the Meteorological Institute at Beit Dagon. Fourteen participants from Africa, Latin America and Asia are attending the three-and-a-half month course.

Acquitted after year in prison

TEL AVIV. — The District Court here yesterday cleared a Netanyahu man of a 1971 murder after the testimony of the main prosecution witness — an ex-convict and mental patient — collapsed.

Menahem Dayan, 23, went free after being imprisoned for a year — ever since a tracking dog led police to his door after the December 3, 1971 murder.

The court's reasoned judgment is to be handed down in a few days. The boy of 59-year-old cleaning worker Shalom Haddad had been found near a kiosk on Rehov Petah Tikva, in Netanyahu, and it was established that he had been slain with metal shears. A police tracker's dog sniffed his way to Dayan's door and Dayan was arrested.

The prosecution charged Dayan had murdered Haddad when the latter surprised him in an attempt to rob the kiosk. In addition to Dayan and the tracker, the prosecution had one other witness — ex-convict Avraham Linker, who said Dayan had confessed the murder to him when both were in jail together.

But the defence put Linker's own lawyer, Pinhas Steiner, on the stand. Mr. Steiner said his client had told him his earlier testimony consisted of things police had "helped him remember" rather than things he heard from Dayan.

Furthermore, after his earlier testimony, Linker offered to reveal to Dayan's attorneys information that would free their client. They would not see him, however, since it is a breach of ethics for defence lawyers to discuss a case with prosecution witnesses.

The development was followed by the arrest of members of Dayan's family on suspicion of having tried to influence Linker to change his story.

HILLEL HITS 'STRINGENT' LAWS OF EVIDENCE

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Some criminals are walking around free in Israel because of the stringent laws of evidence. These criminals are exploiting loopholes in Israel's democracy, Police Minister Shlomo Hillel told the Knesset yesterday.

Replying to a question by Mr. Eliezer Shostak (Free Centre), he said he could cite cases in which suspects had made statements implicating themselves or confessions but these would not stand up in court as evidence.

Mr. Hillel told Mr. Uri Avneri (Ha'olam Hazeh) his Ministry might draft a special Police Penalties Law on the pattern of the Regular Army Penalties Law.

New hotel opens in Tel Aviv

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The 206-room Grand Beach Hotel, erected at a cost of IL12m., was formally opened yesterday.

The 14-story hotel stands at the corner of Yarkon Street and Nordau Boulevard, a short distance from the Sheraton and Hilton hotels. It has been granted four stars, that is to say, one less than the Sheraton, Hilton and Dan hotels, but manager Dov Odent said: "The service we will provide our guests will not only be on a par with the best in Israel, but even better."

Mr. Arie Faluch, of Frankfurt, whose family built the hotel, made a brief speech in Yiddish. He noted that the Grand Beach is only the first of the "PAL" hotels to rise in Israel. Next in line will be the Migdal, a five-story 400-room hotel which will cost IL60m. at the corner of Alenby and Ben Yehuda. It is expected to open at the end of 1974.

Former diamond controller settles in libel suit

TEL AVIV. — Former diamond controller Amnon Ben-Zeev has agreed to accept a token IL650 as settlement of a libel suit against the magazine "Ha'olam Hazeh."

Mr. Ben-Zeev sued the magazine in the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court for IL10,000 over an article in which it claimed he was only acting controller and had failed official examinations for the controller's job. The magazine said that it printed the item in good faith, believing it to be true. Judge Ezer Rappoport on Sunday asked both sides to come to a compromise, and the settlement followed. (Tlm)

HISTADRUT CHIEF Yitzhak Ben-Aharon visited Beersheba yesterday to take part in Histadrut 52nd anniversary activities. These included addressing a seminar for works council chairmen from Beersheba, Ashdod and Ashkelon and touring Histadrut facilities in the city. In the evening, Mr. Ben-Aharon was guest of honor at a reception tendered by the Beersheba Labour Council.

3 killed on roads

Jerusalem Post Staff

Three persons were killed in traffic accidents in the past three days — two of them children.

A six-year-old Jerusalem girl, Ruthie Leviatan, was killed yesterday when she was hit by a truck at the corner of Tchernilovsky and Shimon in the Rassco Quarter. The driver was detained for questioning. Yitzhak Cohen, 12, of Givat Olga, was struck on Saturday by a hit-and-run driver on the Coastal Road near Givat Olga. He was taken to hospital but died shortly afterwards. Police are looking for the driver.

On Sunday night Rashad Abu Hussein, 33, of Baka el-Gharbiya, was killed when the car he was driving in a collision overturned. The accident occurred at 10 p.m. at the Yaf Hanna railway crossing on the Yaf Hanna-Baham road, as the car was headed north towards Be'er. The driver, Ufiak Majajda, 32, also of Baka el-Gharbiya, was taken to Hlil Yaffe Hospital in Hadera, which yesterday reported him in serious condition.

Gov't apprehensive about labour ills

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Labour Minister Yosef Almogi urged yesterday that one single bill be set for negotiations on all labour contracts, to avoid the ill effects of staggering. Negotiations should be conducted a reasonable period of time before the existing labour contracts expire and not at the last moment, he said.

Mr. Almogi was replying in the Knesset to a Gahal motion for the agenda about the labour disputes currently besetting the economy. The motion was voted to by the Labour Committee.

The Labour Minister said he saw no reason why special legislation should not be drafted to provide for such a standard date. Over the next 10 or 20 years, Mr. Almogi believed, various sectors of employees in this country would inevitably have their wage scales interlinked. Israel is too small a country for its employment patterns to be decided by the laws of supply and demand, he said.

The Minister, who spoke in a generally pessimistic tone, made it obvious that the Government was apprehensive about new labour troubles ahead, in addition to the wage disputes already afoot.

Objective conditions which contribute to the present wage troubles include the shortage of some 40,000-50,000 hands in the economy and the continuing price rises — 13 per cent in 1972, the Minister conceded. Solutions would be far easier to reach if the various Government and Histadrut departments first co-ordinated among themselves, he said.

Cargo pile-up due to Lod customs strike

LOD AIRPORT. — The airport authorities opened an emergency warehouse yesterday to handle the pile-up of airfreight, as customs clerks here went into the second day of their work seizures.

The 160 clerks, who have shut the customs shed to the public since Sunday morning, were doing only internal work yesterday. They are to meet today to decide whether to escalate their dispute with the Customs and Excise Department into a full-fledged strike.

Their works council chairman, Michael Semjon, declared yesterday that the goods going to the emergency warehouse were unmarked and would take weeks to sort out. He said he had initiated contacts with the Histadrut and Finance Ministry, and repeated the clerks' demands for extra-effort pay. This was needed to compensate the men for what he called the "back-breaking" labour of handling "IL205m." worth of air cargo every day.

(Lod customs chief Y. Ostroff puts the daily turnover at IL11m. and not IL205m.)

Finance Ministry Director-General Ya'acov Agmon, here yesterday for a flight abroad, blamed the clerks for taking so long to reach the conclusions of a Histadrut committee set up to study their demands. The strikers countered this by declaring that they had run out of patience after repeated delays.

It was reported yesterday that defence cargoes were still being released from customs, but not those intended for Israel Aircraft Industries. (Tlm)

(See 'Labour trouble,' page 3)

FOREST in MEMORY of THE ELEVEN WHO FELL at MUNICH

The Israel Olympic Committee, in cooperation with Keren Kayemeth Leisrael, has announced the planting of a forest in memory of our sportsmen who fell at Munich.

The public is invited to contribute towards the cost of planting this forest.

- * Grove — 1000 trees — IL4000
- * Garden — 100 trees — IL400
- * Single tree — IL4

Contributions are recognised income-tax deductions.

Please send contributions to: Public Committee for the Planting of the Forest, P.O.B. 656, Jerusalem.

We seek peace, Eban tells Danish Minister

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Denmark's Foreign Minister, Mr. E.B. Andersen, yesterday heard a detailed exposition of Israel's desire and search for peace from his Israeli opposite number, Abba Eban. The two foreign ministers and their aides met for a two-hour working session at the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem, devoted entirely to the Middle East conflict and the quest for peace in the region. Another working session has been set for Thursday, when the subjects for discussion will be the Common Market and bilateral relations between Israel and Denmark.

Mr. Andersen is here on a week's official visit.

Mr. Eban and the team of ten Foreign Ministry officials present at the session were anxious to balance any over-favourable impression the Danish Foreign Minister may have received during his visit to Cairo six weeks ago. Mr. Andersen is known to have come away from his meetings with Egyptian Foreign Minister Zayyat and other top officials impressed by their pro-

Almogi: Hold wage talks all on a single date

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Deadlock explained in engineers' wage talks

Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

The deadlock in wage negotiations with the country's engineers is due to a difference in interpretation which could cost the country many millions of pounds, Ephraim Yermans of the Treasury told newsmen in Jerusalem yesterday.

Both sides have agreed that engineers' wages should be raised over 1972-73 by 24 per cent (including the Cost-of-Living allowance and wage creep).

Mr. Yermans explained that the Treasury expected an increase of 34 per cent across the grade board, whereas the engineers want to introduce a new scale, with three new grades added at the top. According to their proposal, the increase for a person in the top grade (assuming he is shifted to the top grade in the new scale) would be 70 per cent, while the increase ranges down to only a few per cent at the bottom of the scale.

The engineers promised they will negotiate re-grading in such a way that the average wage increase will be 34 per cent. But the Treasury is frankly sceptical.

Earlier in the morning, Mr. Y. Andersen and his party called on President Shazar. They also visited Y. Vashem, where a special exhibit was shown on Denmark under the N. occupation. Mr. Andersen was received by Mr. Gideon Hausner, M. chairman of the Yad Vashem Council, and by Mr. Yitzhak Arad, co-man of the Executive.

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statements of peaceful intent. Mr. Eban said the Egyptians ought to be judged by deeds rather than words; and that even their won varied substantially according to the audience at which they were directed.

Mr. Eban reviewed the large favourable developments in the Middle East over the past two years and stressed the need for negotiations to bring peace. He said Israel's belief was that a partial settlement was the best hope of progress to final peace. Israel was always ready to discuss an overt settlement too — provided no pre-conditions were laid down.

After the session, Mr. Andersen told newsmen he was impressed by the desire of both sides in the conflict to attain peace. Mr. Andersen was accompanied by Political Director of his ministry Mr. Troels Oldenburg, and his personal secretary, Mr. Peter Brannu as well as by the Danish Ambassador, Mr. Trisvald Kristensen.

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Earlier, at a lunch in the Knesset where his host was Chairman of the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee Haim Z. Mr. Andersen said that Israel was strong militarily and morally and could contribute much to solving the Middle East crisis. "To country is an example to other Mr. Andersen said it was clear Israel sought a just peace — peace for which you are prepared to pay a certain price." He noted that Denmark was the only country in the European Community who abstained in the vote at the UN General Assembly recently on the Middle East debate and subsequent resolution, promised that Denmark would continue to treat issues which aff Israel in the same spirit as meetings in the Council of Europe at the Common Market.

Mr. Z. said one of the chief problems facing Israel today is the fight against terrorism. Mr. Andersen said that Israel had no expansionist intentions; it had sought to establish a border which would bring about a just peace.

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We express our sincere sympathy to our Manager **MR. JENO HIRSCHLER** and his family on the death of his beloved **FATHER** The STAFF of **CANAANTOURS TRAVEL AGENCY**

The consecration of a Memorial in Loving Memory of the Late **BLUMA GROSSMAN** of the Meadon Haneleh, Tel Aviv, will take place at Holon Cemetery at 4 o'clock on the afternoon of Tuesday, December 19, 1972. Members of the Family and Friends will meet at the New Entrance Gate at 3.45 p.m.

On the first anniversary of the death of my beloved husband, our father and grandfather **RUDI ROSENBERG** (Mama) A Memorial Service and Tombstone Unveiling will be held tomorrow, Wednesday, December 20, 1972, at 3 p.m., at the Holon Cemetery. We shall set out from 20 Rehov Arnon, Tel Aviv, at 2.15 p.m. Alice Fenyes-Rosenberg, wife Miryam Shapiro, daughter Michal Shapiro, granddaughter

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Effective tuition in small groups. New classes start December 18-20. 1) For very advanced students. 2) Intermediates (conversation, newspaper reading, writing). **ISRAELI ULPAN** (founded 1939) 3 Rehov Sirkia, Tel Aviv (near 46 Rehov Ben Yehuda). Information and Registration: 4.30 - 7.00 p.m. only, room 6. Tel. 223316

DESPITE YESTERDAY'S RAIN Farmers in North fear winter drought

Jerusalem Post Staff
Despite yesterday's rain — which used traffic jams and flooded streets in Haifa — farmers in Lower Galilee, the Jordan Valley and northern Golan fear a drought this winter.

In Western Galilee, too, the condition of the winter crops is grave. Only substantial rainfall in the next few days can avert a drought, said farmers. But the weatherman predicted clearing for today.

In Lower Galilee, considered a relatively dry region, over 60,000 dunams of land have been sown with winter grains (mainly wheat and rye). But total rainfall there has an average of 50 millimetres (instead of the 80 mm. annual average this time of the year), and even it was badly spaced. The southern area of Lower Galilee (Beit Shean and other settlements near Tabar) had no rain at all.

Part of the seed in the ground withered by staying dry and may sprout if and when rain falls earnest. But in the areas where no rain fell, the seeds sprouted 1 then died.

This was the case in southern Galilee, where thousands of dunams of winter crops have now been ruined. Settlements there and in Lower Galilee have added about 10 kilograms of seed per dunam to make up what was lost in the Jordan Valley the main crop are bananas and grapefruit which the kibbutzim have had to irrigate considerable extra cost.

The Valley has had rainfall of 20 to 40 mm. — instead of the annual average of 100 mm.

There is no immediate danger to fields in the South, as they have been receiving rain regularly, in small quantities.

Yesterday's rain was scattered over the country, but was par-

ticularly heavy in Haifa, where street-level drainage was inadequate to keep several streets from flooding. Extra police were called out to regulate traffic, which was bottlenecked in various places in town.

The Meteorological Service reported that yesterday's heaviest rainfall was at Gaza, with 17 mm., followed by Samaria with 15 mm. Jerusalem registered only 1 mm. The figures for other places were: Golan, 1 mm.; Nahariya, too little to measure; Safad, 0.6 mm.; Afula, 2 mm.; Tel Aviv, 4 mm.; Lod Airport 4 mm.; Jericho, 4 mm.; Beersheba, 5 mm.

The weatherman predicted today would be partly cloudy with only a possibility of scattered thunder showers.

(For forecast temperatures see page 2, column 1.)

Labour trouble threatens merchant navy

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — The non-commissioned sailors in the Seamen's Union yesterday warned that they would beach the Merchant Marine unless their big income tax exemptions, cancelled in 1968, were reinstated.

They informed the shipping companies that they would not start negotiations for the new labour contract unless the discontinued tax system was reinstated by the Treasury. Under the old system their foreign currency earnings were taxed at only 11% per pound sterling. Since 1968, however, the men have had to pay 48% tax on their foreign-currency earnings.

They informed the companies that "the injustice caused by the change seriously reduced our income and cannot be tolerated any longer."

They asked the shipping companies to take the matter up with the Treasury at once. Their labour contract expired at the end of last month.

The three divisions of non-commissioned sailors number about 1,200 men who man the Israeli fleet. Their warning came a week after the Seamen's Union threatened to strike unless the Histadrut recognized them as a separate union.

Troubles from both the ratings and the officers were expected following last month's split between them. The Histadrut is still trying to patch up the split by withholding its approval. But even if the organizational difficulties can be taped over, its pay demands will remain.

The outlook for the Merchant Marine: stormy seas ahead.

Tenants to see Meir on mooted rent law changes

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Spokesmen for the tenants' Defense League will be meeting with Prime Minister Golda Meir on Friday to protest what they see as the intention of the Knesset to amend the Rent Control Law.

The Alignment faction last month passed a resolution to amend the law which would lift rent control on flats rented by persons who are paid key money and whose rents are above a certain level.

The Alignment is generally expected to be opposed to de-control rents — and the present exemption pertains to a relatively small number of tenants, in privately owned flats.

A protest meeting held here last night, speakers said their organization represented mainly old pensioners and persons of handicaps.

A delegation is also due to meet with the Histadrut Central Committee.

Two killed in work accidents

Two men were killed in work accidents yesterday in Ashdod Port.

Abraham Peretz, a 55-year-old man, was walking past a lift in Ashdod Port when he was struck by the moving fork. He was killed instantaneously.

The second man, Yehoshua Yehoshua, 22, was killed yesterday when the roof of a building he was helping demolish caved in on top of him. It is believed he was accidentally knocked down by a pillar which supported the roof with his bulldozer. (Ihm.)

A third of naval school graduates never go to sea

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — One-third of the graduates of the three-year courses at the Naval Officers School and the Mevo'ot Yam Maritime School who graduated between 1958 and 1965 have never served at sea.

This is one of the findings of a report just published by the Israel Shipping Research Institute.

Just over 45 per cent of the 1958-65 graduates are still serving at sea.

Those who stayed at sea gave as their reasons the relatively high earnings and that they liked their work and promotion opportunities.

They also noted the chance to see the world and their love for the sea. Those who dropped out said they did not like life at sea, there were better job opportunities ashore or gave family reasons, mainly after getting married.



Falasha children outside the synagogue at Ambober, the community's main village in Ethiopia. The picture was brought back by Dr. Israel Goldstein, former Chairman of Kerem Hayesod, who visited Ethiopia in 1969. The older girl in the picture is holding a Hebrew prayer book printed in Jerusalem in 1928.

'To satisfy doubting rabbis' Rabbi Yosef converted 40 Falashas living in Israel

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Sephardi Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef has converted some 40 Falashas to Judaism over the past two years. News of the conversions appeared in an evening paper yesterday after Rabbi Yosef gave a reception for the Falashas of the Tel Aviv Religious Council offices at the end of last week.

Rabbi Yosef told *The Jerusalem Post* that most of the converts lived in the Beersheba region. They took religious instruction under his supervision prior to their conversions.

Several hours after the Yosef conversions became public knowledge, sources close to Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren informed newsmen that he too would be converting some Falashas in the near future.

The Falashas live in northern Ethiopia and claim to be of Jewish descent. They keep many precepts of the Torah, Talmudic law having passed them by. They also carry out neo-Christian and pagan rites.

Rabbi Yosef is known to believe that the Falashas are Jewish according to *halakha*. He converted the 40 in order to satisfy other rabbis, who doubt the authenticity of their Jewish origins.

The first Chief Rabbi of this country, Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kook, issued a public statement in 1921 referring to the Falashas as part "of our People who, because of the trials and tribulations of the galut, have been far removed from us both in distance and in views." The statement is recalled by Dr. Israel Goldstein, a long-time campaigner on behalf of the Falashas, in his new book, "Israel at Home and Abroad."

Toy Fund tops IL40,000, X-mas shopping this week

Contributions of the past few days have sent *The Jerusalem Post* Toy Fund's 24th drive over the IL40,000 mark. With the list printed today (we will probably have only one more list when we print a round-up), which comes to IL1,784,000, the total so far stands at IL40,723.89.

This week we are doing our Christmas shopping, and then we go on to our second round of gift-giving. This will take us some time to get done. Right now we are going through lists.

But no one is really late. We will still be delighted to have your contribution. Just send it to: *The Jerusalem Post* Toy Fund, P.O.B. 81, Jerusalem.

- 872 — Children of the Solomon Schechter Day School, Newton Centre, Mass. for the children of Jerusalem.
- 825 — Arthur E. Davis, Chicago.
- 815 — In memory of Mrs. Helen Rubenstein, mother and mother-in-law to Dr. Myra and Rabbi Daniel Leifer, Chicago.
- IL50 — Instead of Hanukkah presents for Carole, Nancy, Ayala, Linor, Rafi and Yehonatan, Lynda & Sereet Shovman, Haifa.
- 819 — Mr. & Mrs. William J. Cherok, Coatesville, Pa. — In honour of their 4 children Mark Eric, Lawrence Ira, Susan Rebecca & Jonathan David.
- 810 — Mr. & Mrs. Francis S. Mallick, Westmont, N.J. Roy (7 years old) and Sharon (3 years old) Kessel, Madison, Wis. May our grandchild Galith Bousaidan, now 5 weeks old in Jerusalem always be able to do her bit — Jules and Betty Dailo, Antwerpen. The Rev. & Mrs. Roy N. West and daughter Martha Jane, Haddon, N.J. — In this small way we express our thanks and appreciation for the thrilling experiences we have enjoyed as visitors to Jerusalem, and more recently as a student this past summer at the Hebrew University.
- IL49 — In loving memory of Dr. Heinrich Backer and his wife Noime, from his sister.
- 87 — Mrs. Ray Gordon, New York — In honour of my 7 beautiful and wonderful grandchildren: Paul, Steven, and Dennis Fried; and Elana, Jonathan, Tamara and David Silbermann.
- 86 — Calman and Eve Myerowitz, Ellington, Conn. — In honour of our grandson, Sabra born Mark William Levine and our new Sabra born grandson, Judah Joseph Levin of Ramat Aviv.
- IL28 — N.N. Givataim — in memory of my dear husband and mother. Anonymous. In memory of our beloved Fred Artman in Sydney, condolence to his wife Cany, family Alexander, Jerusalem and son Heini in Sweden.
- 8.Fr.20 — From Gil'ad Katz temporarily in Zurich — with loving greetings to his grandparents living in Jerusalem.
- 85 — Roberta Steinberg of Kibbutz Adamit — in honour of my grandmother's 80th birthday, Dora Outrott of Brookline, Mass.
- IL21 — Remembering Doris Levart of Kfar Hanassi — from Evelyn and Fred Frank, Jerusalem.
- IL28 — "The Three Poodle House," Ramat Chai, For Ariel, Avishahar, and Ayelet Avnion, Tivon.
- IL15 — In memory of Frieda Salomon from her grandchildren Debbie and Rafi of Ramat Hasharon and Belinda, Karen, Steven, Michael and Rochelle of Carver, Wis. Dr. Yehuda & Hanna Stollman, Jerusalem.
- IL16 — N.N., Ramat Yishay — in loving memory of Laili Kader. In honour of Sharon and Michael Fischer, Olchmor — whose birthday, Hanukkah present was coming to live in the land of the Maccabees, Michael Oryman Tel Aviv, N.N., Haifa, N.N., Jerusalem. Itamar Migdal of Ramatayim in thanks for very kind assistance given on the road.
- 81 — David Gravit, Manitoba, Canada.
- IL5 — N.N., Jerusalem.

Swindler gets IL40,000, courtesy of Bank Leumi

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — A man walked into the main branch of Bank Leumi in Jerusalem one morning last week, played a simple trick on a clerk, and became IL40,000 richer. The police are investigating.

The unidentified swindler walked into the bank and requested a cashier's cheque for IL40,000. The clerk filled in the forms and told the "client" to go to the cashier with the form and pay the sum. He apparently did as he was told and after several minutes returned with the form bearing the cashier's stamp for receipt of the money. The clerk had the cashier's cheque signed by two officers of the bank and handed it over.

Two hours later the Ramle Bank Leumi branch called the Jerusalem bank asking if the cheque was all right. The Ramle clerk was assured that it was in order and the cheque was cashed.

It wasn't until noon that the Jerusalem bank realized that it had been duped. When it tried to balance its books for the morning IL40,000 shortage was discovered. A quick check revealed that the IL40,000 for the cashier's cheque was never deposited.

It seems the "client" had made himself a stamp similar to the one used by the bank's cashier. It is also believed that he used a forged identity card.

Avinoam Chelouche, assistant chief inspector of Bank Leumi, said last night that provisional orders had been sent out to all clerks concerning the issue of cashier's cheques. The bank has also told its clerks to be on the lookout since the swindler might try again.

The spokesman of the Jerusalem Police said last night that the police were investigating and that an identical sketch had been made of the wanted man.

Two more held in spy case

By YOEL DAB
Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — Two residents of the Wadi Nisnas quarter here have been arrested on suspicion of membership in the Syrian spy and sabotage ring uncovered in the North last month. They bring to 39 the number of persons still in police custody of the more than 100 detained and interrogated.

Most of the detained are said to be cooperating with the police investigators.

It is learned that a sharp conflict arose at one point in the development of the spy ring between the alleged leader of the group, book-seller Daoud Turid, and alleged member Ehud Adiv. The intervention of the Deuxieme Bureau in Damascus (Syrian military intelligence) is said to have been necessary to persuade Adiv to submit to the authority of Turid. Adiv, it seems, was contemptuous of Turid's organizational abilities and refused for some time to cooperate with him. The matter was reported back to Damascus by Habib Kahawaji, the alleged Israeli-born middle-man between Turid and the Syrian intelligence. On one of his alleged visits to Damascus, Adiv was reportedly told to toe Turid's line.

Prisoner gets extra year for escape bid

TEL AVIV. — A Jaffa pimp serving a 12-year term for murdering one of his girls had an extra year added to his jail sentence yesterday for escaping during a visit home.

The prisoner, Dik Samoun, 24, had been taken to his Jaffa home by prison officers on August 27 for a visit with his father. At the end of the seven-hour visit, while being escorted back to the police car, Samoun broke free. He was found later hiding with a brother.

District Court Judge Binjamin Cohen said yesterday it was "natural" that a prisoner should wish to escape — but added that it was the court's duty to deter prisoners with similar wishes. Samoun has already served three years of his murder sentence. (Ihm.)

Soviet dental workers strike at Haifa ulpan

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — A group of some 30 immigrant dental practitioners — all from the Soviet Union — yesterday joined 20 of their colleagues at the Absorption Centre in Kiryat Eliezer here to voice their protest against the Health Ministry's refusal to let them practise in this country. Israel law permits only graduates of recognized medical and dental schools to practise in this country. The Ministry, claiming that the Soviet standard of dental practice is unacceptable in Israel, has arranged a course for the immigrants, which is due to start next month.

The olim have refused to attend Hebrew ulpan classes since last Thursday. They say they do not object so much to the additional training as to the "bureaucracy, evasion and delays" of the authorities here.

They are threatening to stage a protest march to Jerusalem, where an international dental congress is due to be held at the end of this month.

Georgian olim to set up moshav

A group of Georgian immigrants is planning to set up a moshav between Gadera and Ashkelon, in the South, the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Benzion Halifon, announced yesterday at a farmers' meeting in the region.

He said the Georgians' neighbour-to-be, Moshav Hatzav, had volunteered to give up 450 dunams of citrus groves to help the new settlers get started.

The immigrants had spent nearly a year touring kibbutzim and moshavim to learn their problems first hand. They finally opted for the moshav as the type of settlement that suited them best, the Deputy Minister said.

So far some 35 families have signed up for the venture, and many others have expressed interest. The moshav will specialize in vegetables and flowers for export and citrus as well.

Kibbutz Artzi threatens legal action against 'inciters'

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Kibbutz Artzi Secretariat yesterday threatened to take legal measures "against anyone injuring in any way a member of our movement or, specifically, of Kibbutz Gan Shmuel." The warning, issued over the signature of Kibbutz Artzi Secretary Shimon Avdan, was the first official reaction of the Hashomer Hatzair Kibbutz federation to the public debate over the alleged involvement of a son of Kibbutz Gan Shmuel in the Syrian sabotage-spy ring.

The statement expressed the Kibbutz Artzi's "deep shock, together with all Israeli citizens, at the revelation of the existence of a spy and sabotage ring." But it condemned "attempts at an ideological lynching" and "the wild incitement of political profiteers" against its movement.

The Kibbutz Artzi reaction was apparently provoked by charges that the accused ring member, Ehud Adiv, was a product of the Gan Shmuel leftist educator, Benyamin Gruenbaum.

Mr. Avdan also released a letter of support from Danny Rossilo, secretary of the Ahdut Avoda-oriented Kibbutz Meuhad, which said the "smear campaign" was aimed not only at the kibbutz movement, "but at the entire labour movement."

Jerusalem ceremony for Olympic 11 tomorrow

A ceremony honouring the 11 Israeli athletes murdered at the Munich Olympics will be held in the Jerusalem Forest tomorrow at 11 a.m. The aim is to announce the intention of the sponsors — the Israel Olympic Committee and the Jewish National Fund — to set up a permanent memorial to the athletes.

The ceremony, which will be attended by the families of the slain men, will include speeches by Deputy Prime Minister Yigal Alon, Olympics Committee chairman Yosef Inbar and Jewish National Fund chairman Ya'acov Tsur.

The J.N.F., which announced the ceremony, said there had been a flood of spontaneous contributions from abroad, all made explicitly for the purpose of a permanent monument. The nature of the memorial will be decided later between the Fund and the Olympic Committee, it said.

Zionists to step up anti-ransom campaign

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The Zionist Executive yesterday decided to step up the struggle against the academic head-tax imposed by the Soviet Union on emigrants.

Chairman Arye Pincus noted that the information campaign against the tax has borne important results. Political figures in many countries have issued statements condemning it, and in the U.S. senators and congressmen have brought political pressure against the tax. Mr. Pincus said the Soviet Government has lately been taking stern measures against Jews applying for emigration and that therefore the campaign had to be stepped up.

Gaza woman held for strangling daughter, 23

Jerusalem Post Reporter
GAZA. — A 48-year-old woman from the Burj refugee camp here has been arrested on suspicion of strangling her 23-year-old daughter for "sullyng the family's honour."

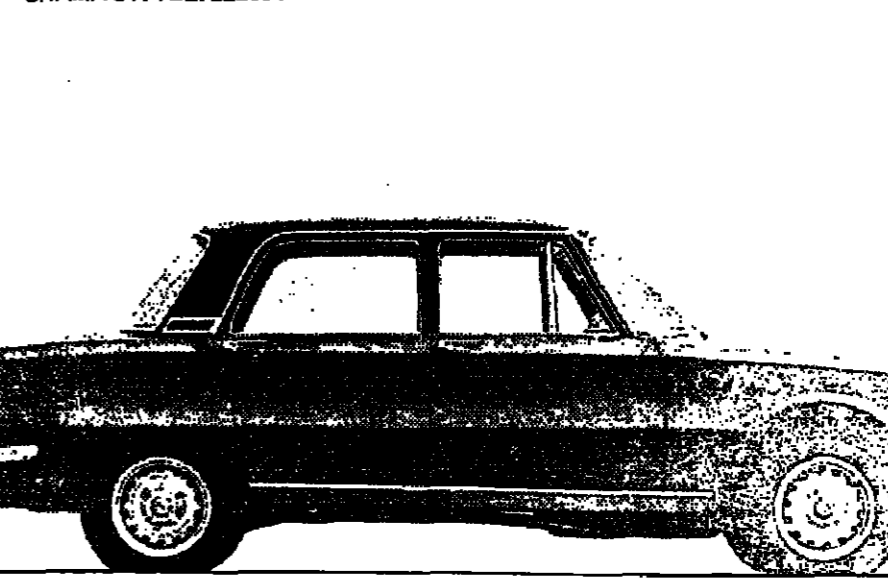
The victim's older brother reported the crime on Sunday morning, telling police he had found his sister's body in their home, with scratches on her face and neck.

After investigating, the police arrested the girl's mother, who has allegedly confessed to the crime.

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Egypt bid to revive Big Power efforts

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter Egypt is seeking to get the Big Powers active once again on the Middle East issue, it was learned yesterday.

Kuwait, Cyprus set up ties with E. Germany

Both Kuwait and Cyprus have decided to establish diplomatic relations with East Germany at ambassadorial level.

discussion by the powers was expressed in meetings which Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs Ismail Fahm had last week with the ambassadors to Cairo of the Soviet Union, Britain, France and China.

Mr. Greene was expected to report this week to his government on Egypt's views concerning Washington's proposal to renew diplomatic contacts with Cairo and Jerusalem over an interim agreement aimed at reopening the Suez Canal.

Jordan moots common Xmas, Easter dates

AMMAN (AP). — Church leaders in Jordan have proposed common dates for celebrating Christmas and Easter, a committee representing all churches here announced yesterday.

Peking exempted from paying Taiwan U.N. debt

UNITED NATIONS (UPI). — The budgetary committee of the General Assembly has voted to virtually write off a \$26.6m. debt owed by Nationalist China, rather than transfer the debt to Taiwan's successor, Communist China.

'Washington Post' report: Israel says it does not need U.S. bases in Greece

WASHINGTON (DNA). — Israel's military command has made a "frank admission" that U.S. naval bases in Greece are not essential to Israeli security, according to columnists Rowland Evans and Robert Novak writing in yesterday's "Washington Post."



Young man is grabbed by policeman during demonstration in Paris on Saturday protesting the death of an Algerian worker, Mohammed Diab, in the Versailles central police station on November 29. Diab was killed by a burst of sub-machinegun fire while being questioned. (AP radiophoto)

East German warns on L-bombs Hongkong Jews told of kidnap threat

LONDON (DNA). — Jews in Hongkong have been privately warned to guard against kidnap attempts by Palestinian terrorists. Meanwhile, East German police are warning the country's Jewish communities against possible parcel-bombs in mail postmarked from the Far East.

been privately given an urgent warning to guard against possible attempts by Palestinian agents to kidnap their children.

WOULD ACCEPT AMERICAN'S MONEY Solzhenitsyn says he is not 'well off'

MOSCOW (Reuter). — Russian Nobel prize winner Alexander Solzhenitsyn said yesterday he was in a "desperate" financial situation and that he would accept as a loan an American author's offer of help.

In a statement made available to correspondents, Solzhenitsyn replied to Soviet Culture Minister Yekaterina Furtseva's description of him as "well off."

Zermatt votes to keep out car traffic

ZERMATT (Reuter). — The inhabitants of this resort in the shadow of the Matterhorn mountain voted yesterday to keep their village free of car traffic.

Cornered bandit shoots brother, kills himself

SINGAPORE. — A young gangster shot his brother dead and then killed himself in a Muslim cemetery rather than surrender to a tightening police net, officers said yesterday.

Rome airport worker sought after \$1.7m. diamond theft

ROME (UPI). — Police arrested a woman over the weekend and looked for her husband on charges of stealing 1,000m. lire (\$1.7m.) worth of diamonds from an air freight pouch last June.

Italian police, working on the theory that the theft occurred during transshipment at Leonardo da Vinci, discreetly watched a number of airport employees. They said their suspicions came to centre on Oronzo, a worker with a monthly salary of 150,000 lire (\$254) after they found he bought a 3m. lire (\$6,000) car, a 27m. lire (\$45,000) apartment and was about to buy a 5m. lire (\$8,500) motorboat.

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Uganda takes over 41 foreign estates, firms

KAMPALA (Reuters). — President Amin yesterday announced the government takeover of all 28 foreign-owned tea estates and 15 of Uganda's biggest firms — nearly all of them British.

Coffee linked to heart trouble

LONDON (Reuters). — A link between coffee drinking and heart trouble is reported in the latest issue of Britain's most authoritative medical magazine, the "Lancet."

According to a report by a team of American researchers, people who drink more than five cups of coffee a day run twice the risk of having a heart attack than people who drink no coffee at all.

The report, by the Boston Collaborative Drug Surveillance Programme, says that coffee appears more strongly associated with heart attacks than cigarette smoking.

Heart patients used in the survey were admitted to hospitals in the U.S., Canada, Israel and New Zealand.

The report says coffee-drinking might just be a feature of the strikingly competitive people believed by some medical researchers to be prone to heart attacks.

Whatever the danger to coffee, says the report, it is not caffeine. Caffeine is also present in tea and the report shows that people who drink a lot of tea may have a slightly reduced chance of heart attacks.

German firm convinced play is Shakespeare's

BERLIN (UPI). — The Felix Bloch theatrical publishing house said yesterday it is convinced the Elizabethan comedy "The Birth of Hercules" is by William Shakespeare.

The publishing house announced yesterday it soon would publish a German translation of the play by Dieter Schamp, a theatrical scientist and Elizabethan expert.

Rolf-Ruediger Albrecht, a spokesman for the publishing house, said yesterday that Schamp has proved without doubt that Shakespeare wrote the play.

Schamp has examined the original English manuscript and through actual references and the handwriting can prove it is by Shakespeare, Albrecht said.

Albrecht said the British Museum has published two versions of the play, one in 1903 and the second in 1911.

The publishing house said the play is a comedy based on the Amphitruo of the ancient Roman comic poet Plautus.



West German Foreign Minister Walter Scheel (left), and Chancellor Willy Brandt share a joke as Scheel presents a valuable 17th century coin to Brandt as a 59th birthday present from the Cabinet. Brandt marked the occasion yesterday with an outdoor party at the Bonn Chancellery Building and an evening reception at his home. (AP radiophoto)

'Washington Post' barred from White House events

WASHINGTON (AP). — The White House barred the "Washington Post" from covering three social events given by President and Mrs. Nixon over the past weekend, the newspaper reported yesterday.

The "Post" said indications are that it will not be permitted to cover social events until after President Nixon's inauguration January 20. Such a ban presumably would include such gala events in the nation's capital as the Inaugural Ball.

The paper said first hint of the ban came when reporter Dorothy McCordie, who has covered Washington social events under five administrations, arrived at the White House Friday night to cover a reception given by the Nixons for what were described as "newsmen's" supporters.

Mrs. McCordie was told she and five other reporters were not included in a pool of five who would be permitted to attend, the paper said.

When Mrs. McCordie arrived Saturday night to cover a black-tie affair for past, present and future cabinet officers, she was again told she was not in the pool, the "Post" said.

The paper said Mrs. McCordie also has been informed that she would not be allowed to cover a party at the White House yesterday for children of diplomats.

The paper said a White House spokesman told Mrs. McCordie that her exclusion was not personal. The paper also quoted a report from presidential spokesman Ronald Ziegler, in response to the paper's protests, that the "Post" has no special prerogative to cover all White House events.

Pools of reporters at the White House was quite common, but all Washington newspapers always have been included in the past, the "Post" said.

The paper has been criticized frequently by the White House for its alleged anti-administration positions. It was a leader in publishing investigative stories about the break-in and alleged spying of Democratic National Headquarters. Several of those charged in connection with the Watergate incident have been linked to Nixon's re-election effort.

Mart signs agreement with Egypt

BRUSSELS (AP). — The European Economic Community (EEC) yesterday signed a five-year trade agreement with Egypt providing for a 60 per cent tariff reduction on Egyptian exports of citrus fruit, the same advantage as given to Israel.

Other Egyptian farm products will get tariff reductions of 25 to 50 per cent, depending on the product.

The Common Market countries will accept 20,000 tons of petroleum products and 2,500 tons of cotton textiles annually from Egypt.

Egypt also obtained export facilities for its rice, on which 80 per cent of its rural population depends. The Common Market will buy its onions when this does not interfere with the European crop.

Egyptian-manufactured exports to the Common Market will get a 45 per cent reduction in tariffs on January 1, 1973, the day Britain and other candidates become members.

On January 1, 1974, the reductions in these duties will be 65 per cent. Egypt will cut its tariffs 30 per cent on Common Market industrial products the first year, 40 per cent the second year and 50 per cent the third year. The 50 per cent rate would remain for the next two years.

At a later stage it is hoped to eliminate these tariffs entirely. This expectation is required on the rules of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT). They provide that preferential trade agreements are only permissible between areas which plan eventually to institute free trade in all industrial products.

Mart fines sugar firms over \$9m.

BRUSSELS (AP). — Albert Borschette, Common Market Commissioner for Competition, yesterday announced record fines totalling \$9,745,000 against sugar firms accused of fixing prices and restraining trade.

Six firms were spared. The Executive Commission found them to have participated only occasionally or to a small extent in breaking the rules.

Mr. Borschette told a news conference: "The Commission has rarely established such conscious and deliberate violations of the rules of competition at the expense of consumers."

The Commission, he said, had obtained precise documentation. The biggest fine — \$1,627,000 — was assessed against a Belgian company, Raffinerie Tirlemontoise. Its representatives have already said it would appeal to the European Court of Justice at Luxembourg.

Fines of \$1,085,000 were imposed on a French firm, Sucres et Denrées de Paris and an Italian one, Eridania di Genova. The lowest fines amounted to \$108,500 for each of three Italian firms West German and Dutch companies were also fined.

MOSQUE — The royal court of Iraq announced yesterday that \$12m. left over from a private sector donation for last year's celebrations of the 2,500th anniversary of the monarchy, will be spent to build a new mosque which could be the world's largest. It is still to be designed.

France wants European space rocket

PARIS (UPI). — France yesterday put before her European partners plans for a new space rocket, which it says would make them independent of the U.S. in areas of the space field.

The blueprint for the rocket will be studied by the 10-nation European Space Conference today in Brussels, together with Britain's three-year-old plan for the creation of a European space administration agency and the future of current joint European space projects.

Government officials said the French-sponsored missile, code-named L-3 S, would be a three-stage rocket capable of putting into orbit weather, communications and air and sea navigation satellites weighing up to 3,500 kg.

French experts drafted the plan to counter objections from West Germany and several other European countries that all past European rocket efforts had proved largely wasteful.

Bonn is urging early acceptance by Western European capitals of President Nixon's standing offer to join in the construction of a space laboratory under the post-Apollo programme.

Strikes make Xmas gloomy for Italians

ROME (Reuters). — A gloomy Christmas with few presents loomed for millions of Italian children yesterday as bank employees started their latest round of strikes, leaving the population increasingly short of cash.

The nation's 150,000 bank employees have staged repeated strikes since October to bank their demands for a new labour contract with better pay and working conditions.

The latest round of staggered strikes goes on until Friday, meaning that banks will not function properly until after Christmas.

Shortly before Christmas some 15 million Italian workers receive an extra month's salary worth an average of about \$75 a head.

This money is usually splashed out on Christmas presents, and used to pay mortgages and car insurance policies which come up for renewal at this time of year.

But in the present circumstances workers are either getting a cheque from their firm which they cannot cash or the firm is asking them to wait because it cannot get the money out of the bank.

The only consolation for Italians is that tax collectors are also on strike, saving them the headache of finding money to meet their tax bills.

The striking bank employees constitute, however, only a small proportion of workers on strike. Altogether four million Italian workers are still arguing over the renewal of their labour contracts.

Two major sectors which are still far from any agreement with the management on their new contracts are the nation's 1.4 million metal workers and 1.2 million construction workers.

Virtually no Christmas cards have arrived because of repeated strikes by Italy's 180,000 post office workers and the bulk of cards is now not likely to arrive before 1973.

Finally, Italians may well be unable to visit relatives over Christmas if petrol pump attendants go ahead with a threat to strike from December 24 to 26 and again on December 31.

Eurocrats halt work stoppage

BRUSSELS (Reuters). — Eight thousand Eurocrats, or European Common Market civil servants, returned to work yesterday after a week's strike, as their union leaders suspended the stoppage for two days.

A union spokesman said a decision on whether or not to continue the strike, which started last Monday because of a pay dispute, would be taken tomorrow.

The spokesman said that a decision on whether to go back to work permanently depended on the results of talks with Dutch Foreign Minister Norbert Schmelzer, who is current President of the EEC's decision-making Council of Ministers.

The Council's refusal to apply the terms of a wage agreement worked out with the Eurocrats last March was what set off the strike. France and Germany refused to be bound by the March accord on anti-inflationary grounds.

London minus newspapers

LONDON (UPI). — A one-day strike by engineering employees halted production of newspapers in London yesterday.

The Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers (AUEW) said its 440 members employed by London newspapers started a 24-hour strike Sunday night to protest a fine imposed on the union.

The £50,000 fine was imposed earlier this week after members of the union in Sudbur refused to allow another member to participate in local union branch meetings.

Third Singapore fugitive kills self

SINGAPORE (AP). — Singapore's fifth most wanted man Sunday night became the third fugitive to 24 hours to take his own life rather than surrender to police.

Chow Ah Kow, 34, shot himself after he was disabled by two pursuing policemen in a running gun battle.

The previous night two Malay brothers, one of whom recently escaped from police custody, shot themselves as police surrounded them in a Muslim cemetery.

Turkish F.M. in Syria for talks

DAMASCUS (UPI). — Turkish Foreign Minister Tulluk Byulken arrived yesterday for a six-day official visit and talks with government leaders.

Byulken, who is accompanied by a nine-man government delegation, will meet his Syrian counterpart, Abdel Halim Khaddam, President Hafez Assad and other leaders, official sources said. The talks will concentrate on bilateral relations, the Middle East crisis and the situation in Cyprus.

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The Nazi onslaught

MOSCOW (UPI) — Saturday, June 21, 1941. I went to the American Embassy to lunch with some friends and to await the beginning of the German-Soviet War. That the war was coming that day or the next, given Adolf Hitler's passion for striking on weekends, everyone seemed to know except Josef Stalin.

There was not a single intelligence service of any merit that had not reported the massing of about 170 German divisions on the Soviet border. President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Winston Churchill had warned Stalin of Hitler's intentions, but their messages were rejected as British provocations.

Soviet intelligence agents also had reported the impending attack. Earlier in the spring British Ambassador Sir Stafford Cripps had returned from a conference of Middle Eastern envoys and told me the Germans would strike in June. When Foreign Minister Vyacheslav Molotov refused repeated requests for an appointment, Cripps cabled to London, through the ordinary telegraph, that the Russians apparently were afraid of the Germans and would not see him. The next day First Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Vishinsky received Cripps and rejected his warning as "propaganda."

Stalin was especially suspicious of Churchill, one of the architects of the "cordons sanitaires" against Soviet Russia after the 1917 revolution.

We in Moscow had our own supporting evidence. In mid-spring German Ambassador Count Friedrich von Schulenburg and other German diplomats began to send their families and furniture home. Lawrence Steinhardt, U.S. Ambassador, sent his wife to Stockholm June 10. The matter was clinched when Gebhart von Walther, First Secretary of the German Embassy, took his two Boxer dogs, from whom he had been inseparable, to the airport and sent them off on what was to be the last plane to Berlin. That was significant to those who knew Walther enjoyed German Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop's utmost confidence.

We stayed at the embassy until late in the evening when, tired of waiting, I went home to catch a few hours sleep before the expected holocaust.

Censorship

The censorship, especially sensitive on Soviet-German affairs, did not permit me to file a hint of the oncoming events. During the existence of the Soviet-German Friendship Pact the censors even expunged the word "Fascism" from our stories. I was therefore unable to do more than alert my editors by reporting Mrs. Steinhardt's departure and requesting UPI's Stockholm bureau to see her. About seven a.m. Sunday the telephone in my bedroom rang and the mournful voice of my colleague Herman Pogreben of the "Frankfurter Zeitung" was on: "What we expected has happened," he said. "I am interned at the embassy and I want to say

actually, the air raids did not start until a month later but that day the air attaché of a western power, pointing at four planes circling above the Kremlin, said, "That is all that's left of the Soviet air force." He urged me to run down immediately to the Iranian Embassy and get a visa — "the only way to escape," he said. Six months later I received a letter written at the end of June from Angus Ward, American Consul-General in Vladivostok, offering me the hospitality of his home when I got there "shortly after the collapse of Russia."

To the Muscovites there was not the slightest hint of war that bright Sunday morning and my wife, Ludmilla, reported the roads full of hikers going on picnics and cars speeding for the Moscow woods.

On the way back to Moscow, a few hours later, she saw sleek Zil limousines, carrying what looked



Red Army Cossacks on the attack in 1941. Everyone knew the German strike against Russia was imminent, it seems, except Joseph Stalin, says the writer.

like high ranking officials who had been apparently summoned back to Moscow.

As she entered the city gates a militiaman (police) stopped her and asked her to get out for unexplained reasons: public and private vehicles were already being mobilized for the front but the people knew nothing about it. Incredible as it may sound, a high official of Tass, the sole national news agency, telephoned me early that morning to ask whether it was true that the German invasion had started.

It was only at noon, eight hours after the attack, that suddenly the powerful basso voice of Yuri Levitan, who was to become Russia's most famous announcer, boomed out: "Citizens, all Soviet radio stations are about to broadcast an important state communication."

Tass came Molotov's, not Stalin's, voice announcing the "perfidious attack" and summoning the people to arms to defend the motherland. Russians on the streets, in their Sunday best, some of them with children on the way to the zoo, others ready for a day in the country or the park, their faces grave, heard the news in absolute silence and walked away. They had had their experience with wars and invasions and they knew what was coming.

Tearful envoy

Later I learned that Schulenburg, probably the ablest ambassador in Moscow and who was anti-Nazi and was shot by Hitler in 1944, was similarly fearful when he called on Molotov at four a.m. to report the beginning of the war.

The reaction of Italian Ambassador Agostino Rossi was the same as Schulenburg's but it ran contrary to the views of most of the younger Germans and Italians as well as the overwhelming majority of the 23 embassies represented in Moscow.

Only a few weeks before the war a young American diplomat standing on the balcony of the embassy facing the Kremlin, told me: "This will be a good place from which to view Hitler's triumphal march on the Red Square. He will cut across Russia like a knife through butter in two weeks."

From the German Embassy I rushed home and loaded my wife and baby into a taxi to be taken to a country retreat where I thought they would be safe from bombing.

Where was Stalin?

Two questions uppermost in the minds of those I saw that day and in the following weeks, both Russians and foreigners, were: — In view of all the warnings, why had not the people and the armed forces been prepared for the attack?

— Where was Stalin and why did he not speak to the country instead of Molotov?

There is a conflict of opinion on both questions and until the Soviet archives are opened there is no definitive answer.

The late Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev was the leader of one school of thought which laid the blame on Stalin's power madness, his conviction of infallibility in all matters, including diplomacy and war, and refusal to hear opinions he did not like.

In his campaign for de-Stalinization in the 1960s, Khrushchev performed a vital historical role, but along with all his positive contributions he got carried away by his emotions and uttered such vicious untruths as that Stalin was an incompetent and ignorant war leader who followed battles on a schoolboy's globe.

This simplistic opinion has been rejected not only by most of the major Soviet war-time commanders such as Marshal Georgi Zhukov whom Stalin victimized, but by the Allied leaders, Roosevelt and Churchill, and by American and British ambassadors who had frequent contact with the Soviet generalissimo.

"What has been your most interesting experience in Moscow," I asked British Ambassador Sir Archibald Clark-Kerr at the end of the war, "Stalin," he answered. "U.S. Presidential adviser Harry Hopkins, who with Lord Beaverbrook and Averell Harriman came to Moscow in September, 1941, to investigate the possibilities of Soviet resistance — so we could extend Lend-Lease — told me that 'The Russians will resist indefinitely and win the war.' And Beaverbrook, British Minister of Armaments, when offering Stalin a certain item of British artillery, was astounded to be corrected on its specifications by the Soviet leader."

More recently Harriman told me that a reference to his wartime diaries showed his opinion of Stalin was that he was a most capable, energetic and knowledgeable supreme commander.

After the war when I asked Hopkins on what he had based his early optimism on Soviet resistance, he said: "Stalin — he showed me a list of his reserves and his military plans which persuaded me to recommend to the President to extend Lend-Lease."

By July 3 Stalin knew where he stood with regard to British and American support and in an address to the nation laid down a programme of action that stood up for the rest of the war.

For the first and last time Stalin addressed the people as "Dear Brothers and Sisters. Black clouds have gathered on our motherland, I appeal to you, my dear friends," Urging a "scorched earth" policy, he denounced Hitler and the Nazis but not Germany. Later in the war he was to say "Hitlers come and

go but the German nation will remain."

Assuming his statesmanship was equal to this task — there are some who think Russia would have lost the war without Stalin — why did he let himself be "surprised" by the German attack? Why did he not warn the border troops to remove his aircraft from the frontier area where, like sitting ducks, they were wiped out the first few minutes of the war?

Stalin's apologists have said: "Aware of Russia's military backwardness, as was demonstrated during the Finnish War of 1939-1940 when the Russians suffered enormous casualties before the subdued little Finns, Stalin was playing for time. The army was not too well trained, the tanks and the economic-industrial base was not strong enough to cope with that of an enemy who in this time had conquered most of Europe."

German nightmare

Nor did Stalin think that Hitler was lunatic enough to risk a war on two fronts, the nightmare of every German General Staff since before Clausewitz.

At any rate the retreating of the army and the manufacture of new planes and tanks as well as the construction of the new armaments industries had begun — 1939-40.

Stalin was gambling for big stakes, his apologists say, as I had gambled when he signed the Friendship Pact with Hitler in 1939. He was hoping to put off the war at least until 1942.

I was not privy to Stalin's thoughts in 1939 but all the Russian I knew were apologetic about the pact with Germany. They called a "whodun wedding" made inevitable by the Munich Pact and the failure of the British and French in their negotiations with Moscow in 1939 to offer a viable alliance. War was a matter of time, Soviet acquaintances said, and was reasonable to believe Stalin thought so too.

In the meantime the Soviet leadership wanted to avoid any "provocation" any action such as hasty mobilization or redeployment of front-line forces which he feared could precipitate an earlier attack.

Stalin kept his best forces intact in Siberia and, skeptical though I seemed to be about his own intelligence service, this time he believed his master-spy in Tokyo Richard Sorge. Sorge had reported that the Japanese would strike against America and let the Soviet Union alone.

Tide turns

When the most critical point of the war came, about mid-October Stalin hurried his fresh forces against the enemy at the gates of Moscow and in what was probably the most decisive battle of the period, turned the tide of war.

The morning of Oct. 16, Ambassador Steinhardt telephoned me to request I appear at his Spas House residence with two suitcases. The message was clear. We were being evacuated — to Sverdlovsk we thought.

After hours of waiting at the embassy and more endless hours in the railroad station on a cold-snowy day we took off in Kulybeyevo on the Volga. It was special train consisting of the diplomatic and foreign correspondents, corps, principals of the Polish Opera and Ballet and Soviet journalists.

President Mikhail Kalinin as Molotov had already left for Kulybeyevo but, as we were to see later, Stalin had remained in Moscow. His mere presence in the capital on the next day when a few German tanks came within 24 km. of Moscow seemed sufficient to stop a panic among citizens who were either fleeing eastward on foot or helping themselves to what was left in the almost empty city. (Next: Moscow is Evacuated — Is U.S. Becomes an Ally.)

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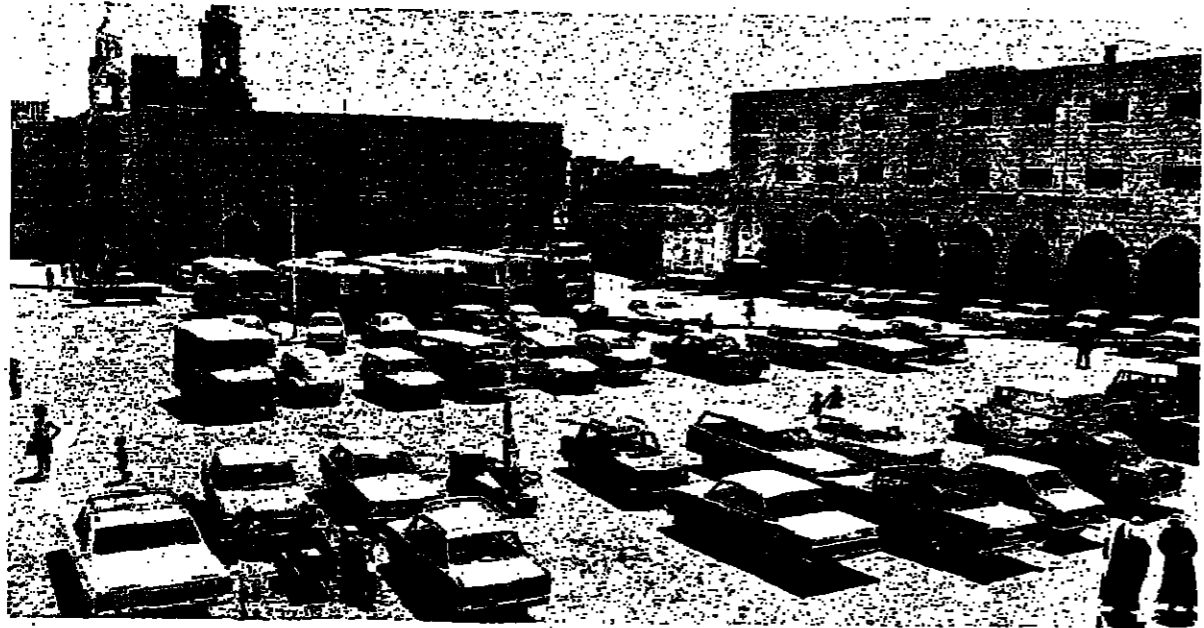
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Bethlehem preparing for Christmas PARKING LOT INTO PIAZZA



Manger Square, with the Church of the Nativity in the background. (Goldberg)

By ANAN SARADI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BETHLEHEM. — The noted U.S. architect Philip Johnson is working on plans to transform Manger Square, in the heart of this town, from a parking lot into an Italian-type piazza.

The rebuilding of Manger Square, outside the Church of the Nativity, is a project of the Bethlehem Foundation, recently formed by Mayor Elias Freij. Mr. Johnson's firm was retained by New York Governor Nelson Rockefeller, whose aid Mayor Freij sought when the Governor visited here during his tour of Israel last August.

The Foundation has been set up to beautify Manger Square and reconstruct the surrounding Old City area, most of which was built by the Crusaders. Mr. Johnson and his partner, John Burgee, visited this town following Governor Rockefeller's call. They wrote to Mr. Freij this week, saying that their firm was already working on the reconstruction plans.

Implementation of the plans will involve an archaeological dig, and construction in the area of a four-story complex near the present three-story commercial centre, built at the southern edge of Manger Square two years ago with Military Government help.

Meanwhile, Bethlehem has been bringing up coloured lights and making other preparations for the Christmas celebrations. More pilgrims than ever before are expected to attend this year. Thousands more are to spend the holiday in other sites, mainly Nazareth and Jerusalem.

Most of the pilgrims are due to

arrive in an estimated 140 organized groups. About 14,000 pilgrims will be coming later this week on 70 El Al flights for the mission. Other airlines will be running extra flights on the weekend. Some 4,500 pilgrims will arrive by sea on 11 special cruise ships. The latter include 1,000 children from Britain and 300 people from Yugoslavia.

Some 15,000 pilgrims are expected to attend the Christmas Eve celebration in Bethlehem which will be held for the first time here this year for the first time by Israel Television to the outside world via communications satellite. A score of foreign choirs including about 1,500 members will take part in the celebrations before the Mid-night Mass. The choirs will include three American groups due to arrive on Thursday, accompanied by Apollo-15 astronaut Lt. Colonel James Irwin.

The choirs will appear at Manger Square, where a closed TV circuit will enable worshippers to follow the proceedings within the nearby St. Catherine's Church, whose capacity is limited.

The scores of foreign correspondents who have already arrived in Bethlehem for Christmas have been treating the event from two main angles: Mayor Freij's complaint of the Christian world's indifference to Bethlehem, and the peace prevailing in the region this Christmas.

A team from a London newspaper earlier this week brought Santa Claus to town on a donkey to distribute presents to children.

As in the past years, traffic into Bethlehem on Christmas Eve will be limited in order to provide space for the thousands of pilgrims ex-

pected. The Military Government will issue instructions on Wednesday.

Traffic restrictions will not affect movement to Bethlehem on Christmas Day, Monday, but only on Sunday, Christmas Eve, which will begin with the traditional procession of the Latin Patriarch from the Old City of Jerusalem to Bethlehem.

The Jerusalem Municipality will on Thursday morning distribute Christmas trees to foreign residents and members of the Diplomatic Corps at Jaffa Gate between 10 and 12 o'clock.

Pope says world peace requires faith in U.N.

VATICAN CITY. — Pope Paul VI said yesterday that the possibility of world peace depended on the survival of popular faith in such peace-seeking organizations as the U.N.

"If their inefficiency were to cause fatal disillusionment in the minds of men, peace would thereby be defeated and with it the progress of civilization," the Pope said in a message marking next January 1 as the Roman Catholic Church's "World Day of Peace."

Yesterday the Pope also expressed alarm about the "preoccupying spread" of narcotics abuse among the young and very young. He called for an education campaign to teach even small children about the danger of drugs. (Reuters, UPI)

At the Cinema

Flawed but powerful drama

IN THE ASSASSINATION OF TROTSKY (Dekel, Tel Aviv), American director Joseph Losey switches from the deft mastery of touch of his recent masterpiece, "The Go-Between," to a much more dramatic subject.

The production — which sticks fairly closely to the known facts — traces the events leading to Leon Trotsky's murder in Mexico City in August, 1940, starting off some three months earlier with a stirring May Day parade there with anti-Trotsky overtones. We see Trotsky, exiled by Stalin, living in a fortified villa in the city's suburbs. After an abortive attempt on his life by local Stalinists, the killing is assigned to Frank Jason (Alain Delon), an enigmatic character whose mistress (Romy Schneider) has worked for Trotsky and brings the two men together — though why Trotsky trusted such a suspicious-looking person is not clear.

Richard Burton's Trotsky is an ageing, ailing man, dictating Marxist manifestos and feeding his rabbits, and it is hard indeed to reconcile him with the fiery man of action who commanded the Red Army and, with Lenin, played the leading role in the 1917 October Revolution. Even if this is a true portrayal, it is a defect from a dramatic point of view, and is accentuated by inadequate references in the film to Trotsky's earlier life as a man of destiny.

The only allusion to his Jewish origins comes just seconds before the assassination, when he recounts to Jason what he calls "a Jewish joke of Bronstein Trotsky" (Bronstein was his real surname).

But there is still plenty to admire in this beautifully-produced and well-acted piece, even if judged solely as a political thriller which holds one's interest throughout.

Losey directs with his usual skill, although some might object to the crudely depicted in the long bull-fight scene, no doubt introduced to prepare us for the horror of the coming murder. It is a measure of his talent that, though we know how the film is going to end, the suspense is nevertheless absolutely gripping as Jason prepares to kill Trotsky with the famous ice-pick. In spite of its shortcomings, this is a powerful piece of cinema. J.L.

STEELERS TOP LEAGUE AFTER FORTY YEARS

AFTER 40 years, the Pittsburgh Steelers are finally champions of the American Conference's central division in the U.S. National Football League. They did it Sunday with a 24-2 victory over the San Diego Chargers.

The Steelers, playing with the knowledge that Cleveland had already beaten the New York Jets 26-10, knew full well that a loss would cost them the division title. But by the half, it was obvious Pittsburgh wasn't going to let the Browns sneak in through the back door and grab the crown.

A loss by the Steelers would have tied them with Cleveland, each at 10-4, and the Browns, by virtue of a better record against central division foes, would have won the title and the coveted home-field advantage in next weekend's playoffs.

Instead, the Steelers, with an 11-3 record, the best in their history, have the home field and will host the AFC West winner Oakland next Saturday, while the Browns, as the conference's "wild card" team, must face the unbeaten, untied Dolphins in Miami on Sunday.

The Dolphins made it a perfect season on Saturday with a 16-0 victory over Baltimore. A 4 1/2 hours later, the San Francisco 49ers won the National Conference West championship with a last-minute 20-17 victory over Minnesota.

In next weekend's NFC playoffs, the 49ers will host Dallas' "wild card" Cowboys on Saturday and Green Bay will be at Washington on Sunday.

In the rest of the regular-season finals on Sunday, the Oakland Raiders beat the Chicago Bears 25-21, the Buffalo Bills defeated the Washington Redskins 24-17, the Cincinnati Bengals mauled Houston's Oilers 61-17, the Green Bay Packers downed the New Orleans Saints 30-20, the Kansas City Chiefs edged the Atlanta Falcons 17-14, the St. Louis Cardinals nipped the Philadelphia Eagles 24-23, the Detroit Lions clawed the Los Angeles Rams 34-17, the New York Giants silenced Denver Broncos 23-3 and the England Patriots 45-21.

The Steelers got their touchdowns on two-yard runs by Franco Harris and John Fuqua and Terry Bradshaw's 17-yard pass to Ron Shanklin — but it was the defence that really did the job.

Tackle Joe Greene and linebackers Andy Russell and Jack Ham led a relentless rush that forced John Hadl into throwing four intercepted passes. The Chargers also coughed up three fumbles.

The Browns rode Mike Phipps' arm past the Jets. He fired two touchdowns to Frank Pitts in the second half, the first one an 80-yard play that broke a 10-10 tie.

Charlie Smith caught two touchdowns from Daryle Lamonica and Ken Stabler, and Clarence Davis ran 46 yards for a fourth-quarter score that kept the Bears at bay.

SPORTS ABROAD

BY JOHN WOSNER

match which ended Sunday in Hobart.

Tasmania, resuming their second innings at 103 for three, added 108 in 141 minutes, before being dismissed for 211.

Team captain Intikhab Alam again shattered Tasmania with his well-flighted leg spinners, snapping up four wickets for 33 runs. This gave Intikhab match figures 12 for 87, following his devastating eight for 54 performance in the first innings, when Tasmania was shot out for 182 in reply to the Pakistanis' score of 397 for seven declared.

The touring team's victory march was held up by defiant knocks from Eadey Cass, and all rounder Tony Beneworth.

Wicket-keeper Cass, who plays for English County Side Worcestershire, batted 213 minutes for 73, while Beneworth remained undefeated with a brisk 45 in 69 minutes.

The first test between Australia and Pakistan is due to start on Friday in Adelaide, with Australia a firm favourite, despite Pakistan's impressive win over Tasmania.

BOXING

A WORLD Featherweight title fight held in Mexico between Jose Legra of Spain and Clemente Sanchez of Spain on Saturday night was one for the record books.

For what appears to be the first time in 34 years, a reigning world champ lost his title on the scales. He also got knocked down 10 times and faces a fine for refusing to shake.

Sanchez, who was making his first defence of his World Boxing Council title, could not get down to the 126-pound featherweight limit, so he lost the crown before he entered the ring on Saturday.

The Ring record book lists only two other occasions in modern boxing history when that has happened — in the bantamweight class in 1925 and in the flyweight class in 1933. Legra went on to stop Sanchez in 10 rounds and win the title outright. Had Sanchez won, the title would have been declared vacant.

The 10 knockdowns Sanchez suffered rank among the most recorded in any title fight ever. The most recent comparison in the Ring record book was the Floyd Patterson-Tom McNeely fight on December 3, 1961. McNeely was dropped eight times in losing that heavyweight title fight. Only four times in boxing history has a single fighter been dropped 10 or more times in a title bout.

To add to Sanchez' woes, the boxing commission announced it would fine him 5,000 pesos (\$100) for refusing to remove his beard before entering the ring.

Fine doubled for filthy flour sacks

HAIFA. — Sacks used by flour mills — at least in Haifa — fail to undergo disinfection and as a result often contain insects and other foreign bodies.

This fact was revealed in the Haifa District Court yesterday when it allowed the State's appeal against the lightness of a fine imposed on the Mann flour mill here, after insects' larvae had been found in their sacks.

The company's managing director, Mr. L. Neufeld, told the court the sacks came from a firm which collects used sacks from flour mills, cleans them but does not disinfect them. He said insects and other forms of filth were a common occurrence.

The court doubled the flour mill's fine from IL300 to IL600, saying it was their responsibility to see to it that the sacks they use are perfectly clean. The court also ordered the situation to be brought to the attention of the Health Ministry. (HFM)

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Cincinnati	8	6	0	.571	239	239
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St. Louis	4	9	1	.321	198	365
Philadelphia	2	11	1	.179	145	332

Central

X-Green Bay	10	4	0	.714	304	226
Detroit	8	5	1	.607	339	290
Minnesota	7	7	0	.500	301	252
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Business and Finance

GATT PANEL AIRS ISRAEL PLAINT

By DAVID KRIVINE
Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent
Israel's complaint against Britain's quota limiting the import of cotton textiles comes up tomorrow or the third time before a Gatt panel in Geneva.

By another 25 per cent, after which there will be no quotas for anybody. By then the hard-pressed Lancashire industry will be supported by tariff barriers instead of the European ones against undercutting supplies from India, Pakistan and Hongkong, which at present enjoy free access in Britain.

Mr. Talbar admits frankly that Israel does not fully use even her present quota. His point is one of principle, that she is not a low-cost country and does not want to be labeled one.

As it is, she tends to get the worst of both worlds. Israel denied the zero-tariff rights of an underdeveloped state in the Common Market, allegedly because she has an industrialized economy.

Larking behind these disruptions is the fear that quota arrangements or other forms of trade discrimination are extended to wool and synthetics. The U.S. has lately persuaded four big supplier countries — Japan, South Korea, Taiwan and Hongkong — to ration voluntarily their export of all textiles (cotton and other) to the American market.

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LOW TURNOVER

EL AVIV. — Turnover was low yesterday, with IL3m. worth of area traded compared to IL3.26m. traded on Sunday.

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WALL STREET

Closing Mon., December 18, 1972
Prices fall sharply
NEW YORK (AP). — Stock market prices fell sharply yesterday in response to new setbacks on the road toward peace in Vietnam.

Yugoslavia, Israel to cooperate on fish breeding

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — Israel and Yugoslavia are to cooperate in various aspects of fish breeding. Agreement in principle was reached with a mission of three Yugoslav experts, who have just completed a ten-day visit, the spokesman of the Oceanographic and Limnological Research company announced yesterday.

Israel experts are to go to Yugoslavia to establish a breeding farm for grey mullets (Mugil Cephalus), "Buri" in Hebrew, a sea fish that can breed in fresh water ponds. Israel will also help Yugoslavia breed St. Peter's Fish (Thalapia Galana), "Amnun" in Hebrew. Yugoslavia will export trout eggs to Israel. The trout, a cold water fish, is bred in the waters of the Dan river by Kibbutz Dan, which has so far imported eggs from Italy.

The Yugoslav mission comprised an expert in grey mullet breeding, the secretary of the Federal Fishermen's Union and the director of a trout breeding farm. The cooperation agreements must still be ratified.

The spokesman said the Yugoslavs had been impressed by the level of fish breeding in Israel and especially by the mechanical equipment in use at the fish ponds. Cooperation with Yugoslavia on fish breeding goes back almost 30 years. The first carp were brought to this country from Yugoslavia, where members of Kibbutz Nir David had first learned fish breeding, before migrating to the Knesset fish pond at their kibbutz. Since then Israeli breeders have made tremendous progress and are today considered among the leaders in the field.

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Tenant's firm can use premises

The Supreme Court dismissed an appeal against a judgment of the Tel Aviv District Court delivered on November 15, 1971 (in C.A. 630/70).

The appellants rented premises to the first respondent, the lease expressly denying him the right to transfer the premises to another person or allow another person to use them. After some time the first respondent formed a private company, in which he held the major part of the shares and this company continued to use the premises for a period of 10 years before the landlords brought an eviction suit against the first respondent on the grounds of breach of the lease.

The eviction suit was dismissed by the District Court but the Tel Aviv District Court, on appeal, found that the first respondent had in fact broken the terms of the lease in that he had allowed the company to use the premises, holding, however, that he was entitled to a remedy in justice and should not be evicted if he paid the landlords IL3,500 compensation, plus IL700 legal costs.

In the appeal against this judgment to the Supreme Court, Mr. S. Horowitz appeared for the appellants and Mr. N. Karmel for the respondents.

Justice Kohn, who delivered the main opinion of the Supreme Court, Justices Sussman, Ben-Zur and Wilton concurring, held that there was no doubt that the first respondent had allowed "another person" to use the premises, as the company which he had formed was a completely separate entity from the individual shareholders, therefore the latter not even being liable for the debts of the company. The first respondent had therefore, committed a breach of that term of the lease which prohibited him from allowing any other person to use the premises.

Justice Kohn then went on to consider the appellants' argument that the respondent had also transferred the lease to the company and in so doing had abandoned the premises, thus losing his right to any remedy in justice. Justice Kohn said that before he would discuss the question of whether abandonment of premises did in fact result in forfeiture of the right to a remedy in justice — as argued by the appellants — he would first determine whether the respondent had transferred the lease to the company. In deciding this question in the negative, he pointed out that it has been established by precedent that a landlord who claims that a tenant has committed a breach of his lease must prove his cause of action.

In a case such as the present, he continued, it is often very difficult to determine whether the premises have been re-let to another person or whether another person has merely been given a licence to use the premises. The tendency in England, he noted, is to hold against forfeiture of a lease unless the plaintiff can prove his case to the satisfaction of the court, and this same tendency has been followed by the Supreme Court (see C.A.

LAW REPORT
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No eviction for tenant who allows his company to use premises

138/54, P.D. 10/1986 and others). In the particular case under consideration, the appellants had not, in his opinion, succeeded in proving that the respondent had in fact re-let the premises to the company or transferred his lease to the company. For the same evidence which had been produced could be interpreted as meaning that the lease had been transferred and also that the company had merely been given a licence to use the premises. The District Court had been correct, therefore, Justice Kohn held, in holding that there was nothing in the evidence to prove conclusively that the lease on the premises had been transferred to the company. There was, therefore, also no cause for finding that the respondent had abandoned the premises, and the weighty question of whether abandonment of premises brought in its wake the forfeiture of the right to a remedy in justice would have to be left in abeyance.

Returning to the question of whether the respondent had been entitled to a remedy in justice after allowing the company to use the premises, contrary to the terms of his lease, Justice Kohn held that there was nothing in the evidence to point to any bad faith on the part of the respondent or to any deliberate attempt to mislead the appellants. He could therefore, only confirm what four judges had already found: that is, that it would not be just to evict the respondent. In conclusion, Justice Kohn confirmed the amount of IL3,500 compensation awarded the appellants for the breach of the terms of the lease, but increased the amount of costs awarded them by the District Court from IL700 to IL2,500.

Justice Kohn concurred with Justice Kohn's opinion with the addition of two observations.

He was of the opinion that, even if there had been bad faith on the part of the respondent, this should not be allowed to influence the decision as to whether to give him a remedy in justice. For a remedy in justice is not reserved only for the clean of hands and the pure of heart. It is intended for those who need it and should be granted to them as long as the damage caused to the landlord by the breach of the lease (or by the abandonment of the premises) could be redressed in some way other than by eviction, and most certainly as long as no damage was caused to the landlord. As to the question of whether allowing the company the use of the premises could be interpreted as allowing "another person" to use the premises, he agreed, Justice Kohn held that it could. However, he thought that, in general, the use of the premises to a corporation consisting of the same person, or persons, who had received the original lease on the premises, was no more than a formal technicality, for which the remedy of justice could be said to have been especially created. By this he meant, he stressed, incorporation in good faith on the part of the tenants themselves and not incorporation by tenants for the purpose of transferring part or all of their rights. Appeal dismissed without costs. Judgment given on November 21, 1972.

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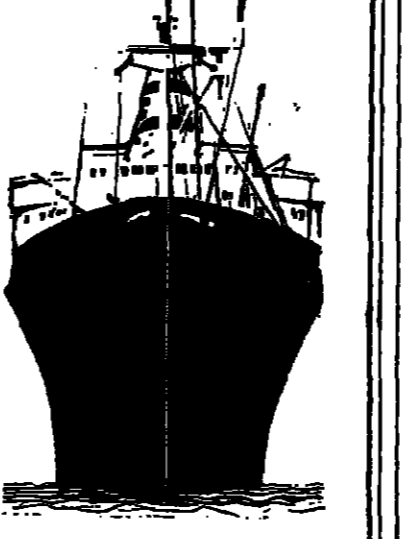
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More building in Jerusalem

Jerusalem Post Reporter
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The approvals encompass 800,000 square metres of construction, of which some 500,000 are for residential purposes and 250,000 for commerce and industry applications, 198 were rejected and the rest are being processed.



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SHOW TRIALS AGAIN

THE impending show trial of Pyotr Yakir in Moscow has no direct Jewish implications. Yakir has been a leading figure in the group of activists for Human Rights who have been working within the closely limited sphere of Soviet intellectuals seeking some opportunity to express their views.

The right of free expression is in theory guaranteed by the Soviet constitution. Seven years ago, when Sinyavsky and Daniel stood trial, students waved slogans in Pushkin Square demanding open court proceedings in the name of "respect for the constitution." But constitutional rights in the Soviet Union are interpreted by the K.G.B., the state secret police, and not by the courts. Protesters who were not sufficiently circumspect were sent to camps in Siberia, where conditions are notoriously harsh. The fate of Yuri Galanskov, who died in a prison camp hospital as the result of inadequate medical attention is an illustration which recently shocked the world. The fate of less well-known prisoners is often as harsh or harsher, but fails to become public knowledge.

Many of the political "dissidents" in the Soviet Union are or were Jews. A good many of the Jews have been allowed to emigrate to Israel, with the Soviet authorities apparently anxious to spread the impression among Russians that "the Jews are running away." In fact the "dissident" group and the Zionist movement in Russia, though once closely linked, have moved in quite different directions. Russian dissidents aim at liberalizing life and thought in the Soviet Union; the Soviet Zionists are totally disillusioned as to the prospect of full freedom for the Jews in Russia, even if there were to be some degree of liberalization.

Pyotr Yakir has had no links with the Zionist movement in

Russia. He is the son of Yona Yakir, the Jewish general who was purged by Stalin back in 1937. Pyotr himself spent 16 years in a series of prisons before he reached 30. He became the spokesman of the Liberals in Moscow and one of their best contacts with the Western press — according to the testimony of the "New York Times" correspondent in Moscow. Now he has apparently cracked up under the rigors of Soviet investigation as he warned a friend he might do before his arrest. Moreover, he reportedly told his daughter, who visited him, that he had become convinced the Liberals' fight was being exploited for anti-Soviet propaganda abroad.

We are no doubt heading for a trial like that of Radek, in which the accused are presented as voluntarily confessing all the crimes with which they have been charged.

"Liberalism" was never fully tolerated in the Soviet Union, although under the impact of the so-called thaw, a small group of the intelligentsia was permitted to pursue its quest for free thought, though under K.G.B. supervision.

Apparently it is now felt that these efforts have gone too far. According to the opinion of Andrei Zakharov, the head of the Human Rights Association in Moscow, the K.G.B. believes that the West is so eager to do business with the U.S.S.R. that it will overlook a few encroachments upon the liberties of persons of no political weight. This view (reported by the "New York Times" correspondent) most likely reflects normal Russian political crudity.

The Soviets might remember that in 1933 the West and the Soviet Union were ready to compromise with Hitler, believing he sought to eliminate only the Liberals and the Jews, and would leave others alone. By the time the West realized that the persecutions of Liberals and Jews were only symptoms of a far-reaching expansionist plan, it was already too late.

Political control of South Vietnam is the basic issue What's delaying peace

By KENNETH J. FRED
 WASHINGTON (AP). — The disagreements Henry Kissinger says are holding up a Vietnam settlement are more than problems of semantics. They go to the heart of what the war is about and make it unlikely there will be peace soon.

For the remaining two issues concern the political control of the South. In other words, should South Vietnam be guaranteed the right of an existence independent of North Vietnam.

Kissinger, in his first public discussion of the negotiations with the North Vietnamese since his October 26 statement that "peace is at hand," refused to discuss the substance of the troublesome details.

But he inched close on several occasions in his news conference on Saturday. "We wanted," he said, "some reference in the agreement, somehow, however elusive, however indirect, which would make clear that the two parts of Vietnam would live in peace with each other and that neither side would impose its solution on the other by force."

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same concept about the meaning of the tentative accord.

The United States is seeking a settlement with enough political stability to provide a "decent interval" between the end of the fighting and any resumption of conflict.

This "decent interval" would give South Vietnam time to establish itself in the countryside and the United States time to escape blame for a sellout of its ally if and when the conflict resumes.

Hanoi wants a cease-fire with a loose understanding of the political agreement so it can continue its military support of its Vietcong ally.

Kissinger said, "We cannot accept the proposition that North Vietnam has a right of instant intervention in the South."

Thus, when Kissinger said, "We have an agreement that is 99 per cent completed... we are only one decision away from a settlement," he was talking only of quantity.

For Hanoi to give Kissinger what he wants on this point would remove any claim it would have for legitimately intervening in the South if Saigon and the Vietcong start fighting again.

That the settlement is broken down over this crucial point is supported by a disagreement over a "technical" point, as outlined by Kissinger.

This deals with an international force to supervise a cease-fire. According to Kissinger, "our estimate was that several thousand people were needed to monitor many provisions of the agreement."

"The North Vietnam perception is that the total force should be no more than 250, of which nearly half should be located at headquarters and that it would be dependent for its communication, logistics and even physical necessities entirely on the party in whose area it was located."

Temporary marker

In Hanoi's eyes, the demilitarized zone at the 17th Parallel is not a permanent international boundary but only a temporary truce marker.

In the first of the nine points outlined in the tentative agreement, the U.S. agreed to language that seemed to support this view: "The United States respects the independence, sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity of Vietnam as recognized by the 1954 Geneva agreements."

Both sides say the October agreement was final on this point, and now each accuses the other of recanting.

Who changed position is uncertain. What is clear is that neither Kissinger nor his Hanoi counterpart, Le Duc Tho, had the

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JUDGES ARE HUMAN TOO

With Prejudice ! by Alex Berlyne

IT looks as if Udi and the boys have been judged and found guilty and all that remains to be done is the traditional bit with the firing squad, the blindfold and the last cigarette.

The Minister of Police and the Attorney-General seem to find nothing objectionable in all the pre-trial publicity. Mr. Eilul pointed out that there will be no jury to be influenced by all the newspaper and TV exposure, only three wise judges, presumably completely impartial, objective and, to some extent, not even human.

Well, though I've not yet put in an appearance in the dock, I have served on juries on a number of occasions, not to mention frequent attendance in the public gallery (drawn by a morbid sense of curiosity) and I long since came to the conclusion that judges as well as juries are all too human and not at all infallible.

Lost faith

Not too long ago, assisted by a rather hefty paratrooper, I arrested an excitable American tourist who had bashed a Jerusalem shopkeeper over the head with a chair in a dispute about overcharging. Eventually I was called as a witness and had to admit in cross-examination that the tourist had shown me some livid stripes on his arm which he claimed resulted from some licks the shopkeeper had got in first. In his summation the judge more or less called me a liar and it was clear to all present in the way he said it that he believed that these two "Anglo-Saxons" had contrived the story — a point which had not even been suggested by the prosecution and which he'd invented out of the whole cloth. I went off muttering darkly about the law being an ass and have never recovered my faith in our magistrates, those depositaries of the law who live exalted or, rather, in their ability to consider only the evidence.

Even the great Blackstones once earned the following criticism: "He had only the

vaguest possible grasp of the elementary conception of law. He evidently regarded the law of gravitation, the law of nature and the law of England as different examples of the same principle," so I was hardly surprised when, a couple of years ago, a Tel Aviv magistrate discharged a prostitute on the grounds that her occupation was condoned in the Bible, happily ignoring the inconvenient fact that her specific offences—tugging and soliciting—contradicted the law of modern Israel.

Quite often the antics of the bench would be very, very funny if they weren't so tragic. There is a story in Campbell's "Lives of the Chief Justices" of a 19th century English judge who sentenced a forger to death at Stafford Assizes with an exhortation to prepare for the next world where he might "experience that mercy which a due regard to the credit of the paper currency of the country forbids you to hope for here."

Some years ago, sitting in the jury box at Newington Sessions, I found myself depending on the common sense of the other eleven good men and true because it was patently obvious from the moment the accused villain appeared in the dock that the old fossil on the bench had already decided on his disposition and that the testimony still to be heard held no apparent interest for him. However, when we finally retired to consider our verdict, despite the repeated instructions to consider only the evidence, the first opinion voiced was by one old dear who said: "You can see he's a wrong 'un. Look at the shape of his head."

Hoary myth

Now in my opinion she'd arrived at the correct decision for the wrong reasons, just like her contemporary in the wig and robes. All this is very human but it hasn't very much

to do with the law. My point is that judges may very possibly be influenced by their particular likes and dislikes, or by what they've already learned of a case, and it is just a hoary myth that maintains they are incapable of such mortal shortcomings.

There are other myths just as difficult to sustain. For instance, it is unheard of for the prosecution to refer to an accused's criminal past, but it takes no time at all for a jury to twig that if the defence fails to say something along the lines of "Here is my client, a man of unblemished reputation," then it is practically certain that he has served time.

Mistaken identity

Of course it works both ways. My fellow-jurymen were particularly impressed with a rather hammy closing speech for the defence claiming mistaken identity and pointing out, in rather drawn-out plummy tones: "It could, ladies and gentlemen of the jury, happen to one of you!" After this they were all inclined to ignore the mountain of corroborative evidence which the prosecution had so patiently assembled and which the defence had so signally failed to demolish. I once watched the redoubtable Rose Henriques, Q.C. (now elevated to the bench where I'm sure her full-bottomed wig makes her look more attractive than ever) defend some tearaways who had burgled a bookie's house in Liverpool and allegedly murdered his son. Her defence was something along the lines of pure comedy, I thought. Here were these four hard-working burglars, practising their ancient craft, when the boy, as adolescents will, managed to hang himself in the next room. Sheer coincidence! It could happen to anybody. I didn't think it half so funny when the jury returned a verdict of Not Guilty.

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MYSTERY BROADCAST

A number of papers discuss the item broadcast over Israel Radio — and later denied — concerning an ostensible warning issued by Israel to Jordan, that Israel was gravely perturbed by Jordan's change of policy.

Ha'aretz (non-party), heading its editorial "Mystery of the Odd Broadcast," declares: "The reporter who handed in the item is not to blame, for he apparently received it from a high-ranking source. The news desk, however, erred by repeating the item throughout the day."

Hamodia (Agudat Yisrael) suggests that Jordan's sharp reaction to the broadcast proves that "there is indeed a shift in Jordan's position on the question of terrorist activity." The paper elaborates: "This shift is ascribable to King Hussein's disappointment that the normalization between Israel and Jordan has borne no fruit for him, that during this period Israel is creating facts in the West Bank and that Israeli politicians are drawing final borders on the banks of the Jordan. In short, Israel has taken no move which would prove to King Hussein that his policy is, in fact, paying off."

Readers' letters

Need for U.N. offensive

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
 Sir, May one respectfully suggest to our Government that it is high time that Israel go over from the defensive to the offensive in the United Nations.

Surely it should be possible for Israel to introduce a resolution condemning Egypt for its refusal to enter into negotiations with Israel and Syria for its rejection of all the United Nations resolutions in regard to Israel. Israel might also suggest that sanctions should be imposed on both countries if they persist in their declared intentions to wage war against Israel which is a member state of the United Nations. This would provide an opportunity for Israel to place all the facts before the world. Although there is no likelihood that such resolutions would be passed, at least the move would take some of the heat off Israel and provide an opportunity to demonstrate that it is the other parties who are at fault for the failure to achieve peace in the Middle East.

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